

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"If the publisher of the article concerning Dr. Cook's mental and physical condition be it is known by his close friends, they would find it very difficult to believe of his present unfortunate situation," said H. Wellington Wauke, consultant for Frederick Cook at the University of Copenhagen and selected Cook's proofs that he had

to discuss plans for the coming convention. The "Millionaire Tramp" proposes to invite President Taft, Secretary of War Dickinson and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel to the convention.

ABRAHAM SLIMMER DYING
DUBUQUE, Iowa, Dec. 21. Physicists hold little hope for the recovery of Abraham Slimmer, philanthropist. The patient has been seriously ill for a fortnight with pneumonia. Mr. Slimmer's benefactions to the community are numerous.

"The worst of it is that these consolidations continue without any sort of government control. I am careful not to say that there is a single great water power trust, because I don't believe it."

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"After fifteen years of diplomatic service, I am tired of living abroad," said Mr. Eddy, "and am determined to be re-acquainted with my native land."

"I agree with President Taft that consular appointments should be on a competitive basis. I will go further and say that there should be a college for the exclusive training of men for the diplomatic service."

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The largest map ever constructed is to be prepared under the auspices of the International Science Congress, according to Halsey Wills of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, who has just returned from the recent convention of that body in London. The map, which will represent the entire world, will be made up of 150 sheets. Each country will contribute that section

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The whole work will be assembled in London.

SAN JOSE SUICIDE WAS HOLD-UP MAN

Mystery of Robbery of San Francisco Druggist Cleared Up.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—Walter R. Carroll, the San Francisco hold-up man who was killed under the wheels of a train in this city last Friday night, was identified by Henry Noland tonight as the San Francisco drug store bandit. After seeing the body, Noland exclaimed: "It's undoubtedly the robber, but I don't want to take the responsibility for the identification alone. Send for Gleason, he couldn't make a mistake."

It was discovered today that Carroll's death was not accidental, but that he had deliberately killed himself. The discovery was made through a note found among his effects. It reads:

"George and wife and children:—Dear Brother: You are living secure in God's light. I saw the light and rejected it and am too weak to stand alone as most people. Love and farewell, Walter."

FAILS AT SUICIDE
LONG BEACH, Dec. 21.—Andrew J. Mehl, a local inventor, despondent because of his failure to secure funds to place a carpet beating machine of his invention on the market, placed a revolver in his mouth today and pulled the trigger. The bullet mutilated his face but the injury will not cause death.

SHIP BUILDING PLANT BURNS
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Half of the plant of the Thomas S. Marvel Ship Building plant at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire originated in the boiler room and destroyed the big forge shop. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

AGED CONVICT DIES.
LANSEING, Kan., Dec. 21.—William Rennie, a convict in the state prison here, who at the age of 73 years was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for stealing a horse and buggy in Butler county in 1927, died today of pneumonia. Rennie was a traveling salesman from Seattle, Wash. His brother resides in Seattle.

CHRISTIE CASE POSTPONED.
ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 21.—The habeas corpus proceedings of Mrs. Howard Chandler Christie against her husband, the artist, to have possession of their daughter, Natalie, have been continued indefinitely. Christie denied there were any negotiations in progress for a settlement out of court.

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ALABAMA RACE WAR IS AVERTED

Authorities Believe They Can Prevent Clash With the Militia.

MAGNOLIA, Ala., Dec. 21.—With state troops and armed deputies patrolling the streets and the public roads leading into Magnolia and with thirty-three negro thugs crowded in an improvised stockade, a threatened race war is believed to have been averted. Excitement, however, has not been entirely allayed, and every white man's house in Magnolia and for several miles around is guarded against the negroes, who resent the burning yesterday of Clint Montgomery, one of the four negroes brought here charged with the killing, Saturday night, of Algeron Lewis.

This section for miles around was stirred by reports that the negroes were planning to burn homes and murder every white person they could find there tonight.

By 3 o'clock this afternoon Magnolia was filled with white men and a serious clash with the negroes was imminent. Doubtless the arrival of seventy-five soldiers prevented bloodshed.

Last night Sam Shields, a relative of Tom Shields, one of the four white men shot by Clint Montgomery yesterday, reported that he had heard a number of negroes plotting a systematic attack upon the whites. He says that they planned to go from house to house in Magnolia, applying the torches and killing the occupants as they endeavored to escape. Runners were sent out after midnight conveying this information to the whites.

It was learned that for several weeks negroes have been purchasing dynamite and that an unverified report reached here that a white man had been shot by negroes.

SANTA CLARA COLLEGE AFIRE
SANTA CLARA, Cal., Dec. 22.—Santa Clara college, near here, one of the pioneer institutions on the Pacific coast, was endangered by fire at an unusual hour this morning. The fire department from this city was called out to try to save the church and the library, but it was said that the chance of doing so was desperate.

The fire was discovered at 1:30 o'clock on the building occupied by the Fathers, who conduct the institution. Three streams of water soon were at work but the blaze made its way toward the main buildings. The library is one of the most valuable on the coast. No one was injured so far as is known. Most of the students are away on the Christmas vacation.

AUTOS CAMPAIGN FOR "VOTES FOR WOMEN."
NEW YORK, December 21.—Exclusive Fifth avenue this afternoon started at fifteen automobiles furnished by Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Samuel Untermyer and other wealthy labor sympathizers. The cars contained two score poorly dressed working women and were decked with "Votes for Women" banners and placards upholding the shirtwaist operators' strike.

HURT IN WINNIPEG FIRE.
WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—John Alcock, a railroad car checker, was killed, and George Baxter, a painter, and Hilda Brown, a waitress, were fatally injured when the Metropole Hotel, on Rose avenue, burned today. They jumped from windows.
Forty other persons jumped from the second and third floors.

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But It's Painted Corn Upon a Painted Stalk, This "Farmer" Sells.



Farmer-Painter Montgomery.

There's a new man in town. He is the "Farmer Painter" of Illinois, and his name is A. Montgomery. It ought to be "The" Montgomery, for the rest of the tribe by that name would sink into insignificance beside this worthy representative of the Montgomery family. He carries a real Illinois ear of corn in his hat and a "remnant" and he is worth visiting. He talks corn and paint and says he is the fellow that invented the way to paint it. It certainly bears inspection and forms an interesting exhibition.

To a select audience of three last night on the mezzanine of the Hughes hotel he confided some very intimate facts concerning himself and his work and showed a few of his pictures. He just arrived yesterday from San Francisco and is so delighted to find that many of Fresno's most representative and affluent citizens are Illinoisans that he thinks he will stay awhile and get acquainted with them. He spent some months at the Seattle fair and says that there are more than 20,000 Illinoisans settled there—hence the prosperity of the city.

To present an adequate picture of this very picturesque "painter" and the profits that title to artist ever since he read the sign "Immortal artist" on a barber pole) is not within the power of ink, unless applied with the brush of genius which he himself wields so successfully.

If you go to see him he will doubtless treat you to some extracts from an artistic looking book tied with hempen cord which he will confide to you. It is what he has lived and toward fotted down in this hay-hazard fashion. You cannot fail to be interested—especially if you are from Illinois. And you can readily appreciate the feelings of the old horse that found a corn picture such a vivid bit of realism that he set to munching the painted ear.

He is a very close friend of Robert J. Burdette and in his sincerity and originality of thought and feeling suggests the great humorist in a dozen different ways. There are so many glides to him that you have to keep busy to see all of them—and it's a pity to miss one of them if you ever have a chance to meet him.

His picture of worth looking at—particularly if you have him close at hand to give the introductory word that fascinates you more and more as each succeeding picture is put before you. Scenes at the old farm with beehives, fowls and lovely "woolly" sheep are the choice ones of the collection. The softness of the sheep is wonderful. You would not realize that "mutton heads" could be so attractive until you look at one of the farmer painter's sheep pictures. There is the coloring of our own beloved California artist Keith observable in several of his canvases.

GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE AGAIN
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Grace B. Guggenheim of New York, filed in Circuit Court here today a bill of review of a decree of divorce granted to William Guggenheim in 1901 on the ground that it was obtained through fraud upon the court.

PLOCHE, Nev., Dec. 21.—Alexander Orr, night marshal of Ploche and an old-time resident here, accidentally shot himself through the head and died instantly. He was well known throughout southern Nevada.

FIRE IN ILLINOIS HOTEL
PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 21.—Fire starting at 2:15 a. m. in the Kelly hotel is now under control. A score of guests were carried to safety from the second and third floors by firemen.

"WETS" WIN FIGHT IN WALLA WALLA

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21.—After a campaign notable for the intense partisanship displayed by the respective factions, Walla Walla today voted "wet" by a majority of 622. The total vote cast was 2,638, 81 per cent of the registered vote.

Today's election closes a campaign that for bitterness has never been equaled in this city in any previous election. Fighting between the opposing factions during the past few weeks have been frequent and extra police supervision of the territory and seriously interfered with the movement of trains on the Southern Pacific line further south. Passenger trains are being operated with difficulty and much caution. The railroad began on Monday night of last week with increasing violence with no signs of abatement tonight, according to the reports coming into the railroad offices in this city.

SNOWSTORM TIES UP ARIZONA TRAFFIC

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The heaviest snowstorms known in the history of Arizona have completely tied up freight traffic on the Santa Fe lines in the northern part of the territory and seriously interfered with the movement of trains on the Southern Pacific line further south. Passenger trains are being operated with difficulty and much caution. The railroad began on Monday night of last week with increasing violence with no signs of abatement tonight, according to the reports coming into the railroad offices in this city.

PEOPLE THROG TO BELGIAN CAPITAL

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21.—Thousands of people are arriving from all parts of Belgium and points outside to attend the funeral of King Leopold, and the accession of Albert. The demand for cards of admission to the church and parliament exceeds the supply by many thousands. The foreign princes, missions and delegations, including the Duke of Connaught, Prince Henry of Prussia and Prince Ferdinand of Roumania are here.

Princess Louise today played for a long time beside the coffin of her father. The palace halls have been transformed into exquisite flower gardens.

THREE MEN BURNED TO DEATH
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Three men met death by suffocation tonight in a fire which swept through the cabinet factory of Edward B. Jordan & Company in Brooklyn. The blaze started when most of the workers had left for the day but more than fifty who remained escaped with difficulty. The damage was estimated at \$100,000. A cigarette is thought to have started it.

TAFT IS ANXIOUS TO PROBE CHARGES

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How there is—now. Some of these days there will be.
PROBE FOREST SERVICE.
"My Dear Senator: Any investigation by Congress of the interior department or of any of its officers should be sufficiently broad and far-reaching to put at rest the suspicions, criticisms and representations of corrupt or improper practices heretofore charged against the present administration thereof; and furthermore, such investigation should embrace the forest service, since I have reason to believe that the pernicious activity of certain of its officers has been the source of the investigation of these charges and involves in part the management and investment of the public domain."

"The best interests of the interior department require a broad and thorough-going investigation, and I assure you it cannot be thorough in its scope to exclude me and those under me who have likewise suffered indignities, unjust censure and deliberate misrepresentation of facts that are plain upon the records."

FILE IN INQUIRY.
I therefore court the widest and fullest inquiry by Congress into these matters, and since you have stated to me your desire to aid me in establishing before Congress and the country the injustice of the charges and which have been made and reiterated from time to time, I hope there will be no delay in the offering of a proper resolution of investigation."

"The investigation called for by public opinion make a full and complete investigation of the land office and of the department of the interior, during recent years relative to coal lands and other public domain in the territory of Alaska, etc., is entirely too narrow to accomplish a full and impartial investigation, such as I desire."

WAKE DEFENDS COOK
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Charles Wake issued the following statement tonight:
"The verdict of Copenhagen is a disappointment, but it has not altered my convictions that Dr. Cook either reached the pole or honorably believes he did. The decision is not that he did not reach the pole, but that he has failed to prove it."

"Though his original records were in my possession, I did not attempt to read them. I read the typewritten reproduction. I could see that it was open to scientific objection because it gave only results rather than the observations. Therefore the decision does not greatly surprise me."

WORRIED GREATLY.
"There is a pronounced streak of genius in Dr. Cook which makes him headstrong and super-sensitive, perhaps. He worried greatly over accusations made against him and in all the time that he was preparing the records for Copenhagen he was possessed of the idea that his life was in danger. So great was this fear that he went away without even letting his wife know when he was going or where. Subsequently he let us know where he was, but pledged us to secrecy. I am able to say, however, that he has for some been in Europe and in a position to furnish his original records to the Copenhagen University, and I am greatly surprised that he has not done so."

LIGHTWEIGHT PRIZEFIGHTER IMPLICATED IN SWINDLING.
DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—Eddie Steele, alias Eddie Morris, a lightweight prizefighter, was brought in Des Moines today from New York on a warrant charging him with complicity in the alleged Mayday skindler.

SNOW STOPS RACING.
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—There will be no races at the Juarez track tomorrow and probably none until Friday or Saturday, as it is still too cold and the course is covered with snow.

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All sizes—all colors. "I got a big discount off where I bought mine," said a lady visitor Monday, "still it cost more than 38c."

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In addition to the big mark-down of ten days ago, we will now figure 25 per cent off these low prices.

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Jelly Beans 15c	Society Mixed 40c
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Dropes 15c	Covered Dates 15c
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Hudnut's extracts including white rose, lilac, Jockey Club, Napoleon, violet, white heliotrope, wood violet, Peau d'Es-pagne 50c oz.

New Stocking Caps—Just sizes to men's sizes sold in this department 25c
Combination Sweater Suits, white, red and gray (leggings and sweater coat and cap), \$5
White Felt Bonnets, \$3 to 3.75
Block Beavers, ornamented with ribbons, red, rose and blue \$5
Baby Bonnets of every kind.

Soft Bed Slippers, from baby sizes to men's sizes sold in this department 25c
White Eiderdown Carriage Robes, hand made binding and bow of satin ribbon, light blue and pink 3.50
Baby Baskets—padded with Moire ribbons 3.50 and \$4
White Silk Caps for babies, large assortment, 1.25 to \$2
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News of Central California Towns

MADERA GRAND JURY FINISHES ITS LABOR

Report That Affairs of the County Are in Excellent Condition.

MADERA, Dec. 21.—The grand jury completed its labors yesterday evening and was discharged. They report everything in good condition, the only recommendation being that children at the hospital under the age of 14 be required to attend school.

A. E. Postman came up from Los Angeles this morning with his bride of a week.

The city trustees last night amended ordinance 4 to permit the erection of an unenclosed building in the fire limits.

A committee consisting of Trustees Wagner, Richardson and Thumma to inspect the moving picture shows was appointed with authority to compel the owners to install proper exits.

The board decided to extend the sewer through block 11, in the Hughes addition between 11 and 12 streets and through block 11 between Yosemite and 5th streets, and Flume and Lake streets, also through block 12 in the Hughes addition between 12 and 13 streets. The work will be commenced at once. The city engineers' fees are fixed at \$10 a day.

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REVIVE R. R. PROJECT TO WORTH DISTRICT

Prominent Orange Men Take Up Proposition; Last Grove in City Gone.

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 21.—More activity is being manifested in the proposal to build a railroad into the Worth district, the work at the present time having gone far enough so that the present promoters have received contract prices on material, and it is within the limits of probability that within the next six months work will be started upon the proposition. George Ross and J. W. Thompson, leading orange growers of the Worth district, with Boydston Bros., owners of the famous Boydston Heights orchard, have the matter under consideration with the other growers of the Worth district, and as the three named have sufficient capital personally to promote the enterprise, the road looks like a certainty. It is generally proposed to build four miles of line and branches, whose primary purpose will be to connect the Worth orange groves and the surrounding territory. It is planned to make the road one to use motor cars and it will be standard gauge that car loads of fruit may be loaded directly in the orchard district. At the present time the promoters are working on the plan to have the road a co-operative enterprise among the orchardists who will be served by the new line.

Orange growers in the East, according to telegraph advices received this morning, have shown a very decided upward tendency by reason of the fact that Valencia are no longer apportioned and the close approach of the Christmas season. The market in the East, and especially that from Porterville, topped the market in all the Eastern trade centers Monday. Some of the Valencia product sold for as high as \$3.40 per box, a price which will net the growers over \$2. The indications are now that the present season will be one of the most successful in the history of the industry here. Recent frosts in the south end of the valley have given upward trend to prices in addition to the market conditions in the East.

Owing to the very great amount of bad weather in this section during the present month, the field day which is the custom of the county has been postponed from January 8th until January 22nd. The athletes have not had opportunity to train. The judges include Frank Miller, G. E. Simonds of Dinuba, J. J. Walker of Visalia and Fred Balmann of Exeter. Much enthusiastic work is being done to make this event a complete success, as it is hoped to make this a forerunner of a permanent organization to take up baseball during the coming spring and football next fall.

Contracts were let this morning for the construction of a new home for the E. G. Graham in the new E. G. Graham addition to this city, and the start of this work will mark the passing of the last orange grove within the city limits of Porterville. The new home is in the midst of other orange groves, is now in the center of the residential district. The new home is to be of an advanced Mission design, will be finished with a master exterior and will cost about \$20,000. Porterville is rapidly becoming known as a city of fine homes.

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FAILS TO SEE REVOLVER IN BED; IS BADLY WOUNDED

Visalia Couple Are Married in San Diego; News Kept Quiet.

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Is a Great Big Money-Saving Event

All Regular Prices Are Now Reduced **One Third**

We Also Include at the Same Reductions

All Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes

We ask you all to come here today and let us demonstrate to your entire satisfaction the real meaning of the word Bargain.

Every day this sale grows stronger and stronger, as the people come to realize the difference between this bona fide sale and other sales. Here we give you your choice of any suit or overcoat in our store at the one uniform reduction of one-third. So that no matter what you buy the saving is the same. Now we leave it to you to be the judge as to whether you will be tempted by large job lots at inflated values or whether you would prefer to buy at a straight legitimate reduction where all you do is to make your selection and subtract one-third from the marked prices.

We Are Also Showing a Fine Assortment of Very Acceptable Christmas Gifts

1041-47 J STREET
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YOUR MONEY BACK
FRESNO, CAL.
Clothing and Furnishers

SALMON PACK WAS SMALL THIS YEAR

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—The total pack of all kinds of salmon in British Columbia is well below the million mark this season for the first time in many years, and the restriction of the area in which fishing was permitted on the Skeena river, the season's pack would have been as large as that of 1908, the last big year. In 1908 the total salmon pack in British Columbia was 2,125,000 cases.

ROLLER DEFEATS POLE.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—Zyzya, Polish wrestler, lost a handicap match to Dr. Benjamin F. Roller of Seattle tonight. Zyzya agreed to throw Roller twice in one hour or forfeit the entire receipts of the match, but he failed to get one fall.

Dr. May Marts, Osteopath, 147 Forsyth bldg. Main 1240

KAUFMAN MATCHED.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Jack O'Brien and Al Kaufman were matched last night to meet here in a six-round battle on the night of January 19.

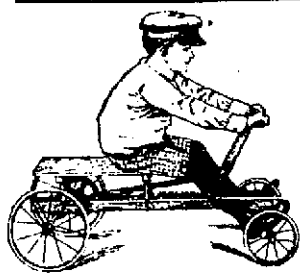
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Our Store Will Not Be Open Nights Until Thursday and Friday



\$1.50 "Kestner" Dolls
Special 98c

Full jointed "Kestner" dolls, light or dark hair; blue sleeping eyes and eyelashes; shoes and stockings; hatted with ribbon; length 19 inches; this is a regular \$1.50 value, special today at 98c.

Special Sale of Ten Pins

For today we are offering some great values in ten pin games. They are all made of hardwood, nicely finished; come in neat wooden boxes and different sizes; specially priced for today at 10c, 20c, 40c and 80c.

Post Card Albums

We are showing an endless variety of new post card albums; every desirable style and kind made.

Post Card Albums holding 58 cards: 20c

Post Card Albums holding 300 cards: 25c

Post Card Albums holding 500 cards: 50c

Sets of Toy Dishes

Prettily decorated tin toy dishes; pleasing figures; large assortment; special prices: 10c, 25c, 50c and 60c.

Big Reduction on Pyrography Goods

We are headquarters on pyrography goods. Our stock is the largest and most complete in town and our prices the lowest; for today we are offering:

25 per cent off on all pyrography sets.

20 per cent off on all wood for burning.

5 Great Specials in the \$7 Silk Petticoats for \$4.95

Great Cloak Section Today

The Cloak Section offers you a great Holiday Special today; sensible, serviceable and timely gifts for women; at greatly reduced prices and within the reach of all.

\$4 Hand Embroidered

Waists \$2.89

Beautiful all hand embroidered waists, hand embroidered in elegant designs; all sizes from 21 to 44; actual \$4 values. Special at \$2.89.

44 Inch Black Mohair 98c

44 inch Turkish Mohair; rich lustrous black; the same as sold at \$1.25 a yard; on sale today.

60c Winter Suitings for 39c

25 pieces of new Fancy Suitings; in all styles and fabrics; values up to \$1.00 in this lot; all colors; on sale today at 39c.

36 Inch Black and White Suitings at 29c

25 inch black and white suitings; in all different sizes; good serviceable quality; worth 39c a yard; on sale for today. Special at 29c.

Men's Black Silk Mufflers

Men's black silk mufflers; at inches long and extra wide; made from an extra heavy strain; soft and comfortable. Special today at \$1.00.

Better grades at \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.50

Men's Cashmere Half Hose 25c

Men's natural gray half hose; 2 weights; light and medium; perfectly seamless; reinforced heels and toes; all sizes 7-12; also in black. Special value 25c.

Men's Union Suits \$1.50

Men's heavy ribbed union suits; Egyptian cotton combination; underwear with high neck; elastic spring neck; elastic cuffs; one of the strongest, warmest garments made; all sizes; an extra special value. Special at \$1.50.

Sterling Silver Match Boxes \$1.98

Five different styles of genuine sterling silver match boxes; plain and engraved designs; heavy quality; values up to \$5. Special at \$1.98.

\$4.00 Fancy Umbrellas for \$2.39

Ladies' 26 inch Umbrellas, made of National frames, with steel rods and covered with best quality fine edged piece dyed taffeta; mounted with gold plated and sterling silver handles; in unique designs. Special at \$2.39.

Children's Coral Necklaces at 25c

Children's beautiful Coral Necklaces; in several different styles; well made with good fasteners; in neat boxes for Christmas gifts. Special at 25c.

25 Per Cent Reduction on All Our Young Men's Suits

We offer the choice of any young men's \$15 to \$20 suit in the house, including the "S-meeck" and all other good makes, blue serge and

25 Per Cent OFF

Special Prices to Church and School Committees

Special discounts to churches and Sunday school committees having Christmas tree and Yuletide entertainments in charge. It will pay you to figure with us on toys and Christmas tree ornaments before buying your supplies; we can surely save you money.

We Issue Glove and Merchandise Orders

We issue Glove and Merchandise orders for any amount good in any department. If you are in doubt as to what to give give one of our orders; they make ideal Christmas gifts; and the recipient can get just what they want.

Toys Hold Full Sway Today

Fresno's best toy department offers some great inducements today. Many short lines materially reduced for quick clearance; lots too small to advertise; bargains in every section.

Blackboards

All the desirable styles in blackboards are shown in our assortment; at the very lowest prices; also offering two good styles special for today.

Hardwood frames with prominent roll, special value \$1.50

Hardwood frames, smaller size, without the roll, special 50c

Wheelbarrows

A great toy for the little fellow; we are showing a good assortment, well made, stout and durable; special at 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Red Chairs

Red Chairs to gladden the hearts of the little girls; stoutly made to stand hard wear; well painted and very good values. 75c and 40c. Toes, Special, 35c and 50c.

Toy Blocks 5c

Toy blocks, natural wood, painted in contrasting colors; nine cubes packed in neat box; in two designs; special, per box 5c.

Fine Box Toy Blocks 10c

Toy blocks, 10 pieces; size of each piece, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 1 1/2; nicely painted; in contrasting colors; embossed effects on natural wood; in neat boxes at 10c.

Burnt Wood Blocks at 25c

By using the original burnt wood blocks; natural wood with exquisite Carved effects; also burnt imparts some of letters, numbers, animals, etc.; not only the names of the animals, but their habits and characteristics are shown. Special at 25c.

Architectural Blocks

Stone work finish on the reverse of brick blocks; durable, instructive and beautiful; neatly packed in stout boxes; good assortment.

Box Architectural Blocks, 21 pieces, Special 25c

Box Architectural Blocks, 35 pieces, Special 35c

Box Architectural Blocks, 52 pieces, Special 52c

Box Architectural Blocks, 200 pieces, Special \$2.75

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In blocks, designs in Cameo and letters in embossed outline; rolled with red; very attractive blocks; packed in strong glass paper boxes and specially priced 15c.

Large Natural Wood Blocks at 60c

Five inch, large size natural wood, embossed ends and sides, painted in two colors; 25 alphabetical illustrations, letters and numerals; in solid wood frame box; special at 60c.

"Mother Goose" Blocks \$1.00

Twenty cubes, "HIT" finish; red ends, white sides; varnished and waterproofed; the ever popular "Mother Goose" rhymes; with suitable illustrations; in wood framed box; handsomely finished with glazed or cut-colored paper; special 1.00.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. The following maximum and minimum temperatures are reported from Eastern stations: Chicago 16-22, New York 10-22, Omaha 11-22.
Forecast: San Francisco: Mild, cloudy Wednesday, probably snow showers, moderate south winds.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Temperatures continue below the normal at practically all points. East of the Rockies with temperatures of zero or below in Montana and South Dakota. Along the Western Gulf coast favorable weather is reported. Only light precipitation is reported. Lightly to heavily east of the Mississippi.

The Pacific coast storm has moved southward and is centering this morning in Arizona. It has caused rain in California and Arizona. Los Angeles reporting the largest amount, 1.08 inches. During the storm Fresno received .49 of an inch, making a total of 6.49 inches for the season to date.

The pressure is rising on the Pacific slope and fairer weather is probable in Fresno tonight, with fair weather on Wednesday and frost Wednesday morning.

W. D. FULLER, Local Forecaster.

High temperature yesterday 62. Lowest temperature yesterday 42. Humidity percentage of 62. Wind S.E. 100, per hour 10. Today's rainfall .49. Total for season 6.49. Rainfall to date 6.49. Pure Wednesday.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Holland's store open

Evenings, spend one evening with us this week.

Ask for Danish Creamery butter.

Dr. O. B. Doyle, Land Co. Bldg.

Dr. Cockrell, dentist, Patterson Block.

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For new fat Christmas turkeys phone Mrs. Smith, Sub. 2102.

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For turkeys wanted, Santa Fe Market, Phone Main 755, 2055 Tulare St.

Goose, turkeys, fat chickens, J. S. Bradley's poultry market, 151 E. Street.

Ladies' remittance agent, Mrs. E. A. Nymann, 1015 E. Main St.

For Christmas trees call at Fancher's Christmas tree lot, 1215 E. Street.

For your Christmas dinner turkey, young geese, Tel. Bay Tatts, M. 2126.

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Sign up your Winter coupons or Register today and turn in to show before Friday.

Keep your valuables in a safe deposit box at Fresno National bank, Cor. 42 & 1st.

Engage at Fresno Military, 501 E. 1st, opposite Hughes entrance, opened even days.

A Winter day filed notarial bond in the sum of \$500 approved by Judge Ayres.

Admission at Jan. 1st, plan building, sold at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday, December 22.

Thomas Nelson has been appointed postmaster at Fresno, Fresno, Mariposa county, Cal. M. E. Smith, resigned.

Superintendent Lindberg visited the school at Mariposa county, finding an attendance of 87 out of an enrollment of 99.

Nymann, 1015 E. Main, the leading men's furniture and interior. Latest novelties, suitable for Christmas presents. 1923 Main St.

Hog feed \$10 ton. Coproco oil cake, Coproco oil cake meal, California Press Co., south end of street and Butler Avenue.

Superior McKay and J. B. Henderson and W. A. Hutchinson were appointed viewers by the supervisors for the G. Carson road west of town.

There will be Christmas services at Rev. Johannesen's church on Elm avenue, Christmas day at 10:15 a. m. and in the Houghton school house at 2:30 p. m. Christmas tree with children's service will be held in the church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Word has been received in this city of the accidental death of Lester Fink of Bloomington, Illinois, who was killed at Fink's house near Bloomington last Saturday. He was an uncle of Mrs. E. E. Hall of this city and has other relatives and friends in this city.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. J. Rowan, who was injured, purchased property in Los Angeles, Cal., took the train and a girl for a week. They will make their future home at 150 Main St.

Miss M. E. Smith will visit friends at San Francisco after the holidays.

Miss Anna E. Wells is at home to the friends from the San Francisco normal school who she has been attending for six months.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

W. O. W. BANQUET

Maunatun Camp, W. O. W., was out in force last night to meet the members of the lodge and also to assist in putting away a large quantity of oranges and pineapples. The making of the assist was a great success and the way the work was done was the best of the kind.

It is known that the lodge is in a very happy state of affairs. The members are all well and the lodge is in a very happy state of affairs.

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20 AMENDED COMPLAINT STANDS ASSAULT OF DEMURRER

Mrs. McKay Gains Footing in Court Against Her Step-mother.

Mrs. Klumm Seeks Release from Jail of Man Who Beat Her.

Mrs. Bertha McKay is at last in court with a complaint that will stand against her step-mother, Mrs. Mary J. Klumm, Judge Church having overruled the demurrer to the second amended complaint.

defendant is the executrix of her father's estate and that the father was in Merrimac, N. H., appointed guardian of her estate, in July, 1901, filed a report showing that he held for her \$999.88; that later in October, 1907, he reported and accounted for the sale of real property belonging to her whereby he received \$3500; that no further steps were taken and that her claim for these sums with interest against her father's estate was rejected by the defendant as executrix under the will of the father. The daughter asks that the claim be allowed in the due course of administration.

One of the grounds of demurrer was that the cause of action is barred by the code, another that facts sufficient are not stated to constitute an action. Judge Church held that beyond question the averments are sufficient and for these reasons:

Henry J. Eaton died in May, 1904, in possession of property held as guardian. That property presumably passed into the hands of the executrix and still is in her possession, constituting no part of the estate of the deceased. When the amount thereof is ascertained, it should be recovered. Prior to a final settlement of account, the ward could have no action against her guardian. His only right was the one to compel an action.

Mrs. McKay attained her majority many years before the death of her guardian. She took, however, no steps to compel an accounting. The guardian did not finally account, and, of

course, was never discharged, and as Judge Church says, "his executrix could not account for his estate as a personal trust which didn't pass to her. It terminated at the death of the trustee. The executrix is then the mere custodian of the property of the ward."

According to the decision rendered yesterday, this proceeding is held to obtain a settlement to determine the amount of the ward's property in the hands of the executrix of the estate of the guardian, and the essential averments are all in the complaint.

The ruling is further that the action is not barred, because so long as the guardian lived the ward had no cause of action against him. She was permitted for any relief to the probate court of New Hampshire. On attaining her majority, she could have had him cited and compelled to render a full and final account. Upon his death that became impossible and the jurisdiction of the probate court ceased then and there. Then she had a cause of action against his executrix. That is this action, and it is not barred by any provision of the statute.

READY TO BE CLOSED.

Two large estates were reported ready for closing yesterday by the administrators.

Ida R. Anderson petitioned for final distribution of the estate of the oil land speculator, Jacobus Anderson, who died on the 10th of October, 1908, leaving as heirs the petitioner wife, three brothers, two sisters, a third sister, deceased, who left surviving five children.

The estate was appraised at \$48,760, but the property accounted for was of the value of \$49,391.52, with \$1317.39 yet due as attorney fee, and as a fee to the administratrix as much more. The residue will be \$31,896.56, with personal property in a Tourist automobile, the \$39 U. S. silver certificates, shares of oil company stock and small notes.

In the distribution the widow comes in for one-half, the brothers and sisters one-twelfth each and the children one-sixteenth. An inheritance tax of \$146.97 has been paid by the widow and \$11.74 upon each interest of surviving brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Dottie A. Brown reports on the estate of Charles J. Brown, showing cash received of \$22,261.93; claims paid, \$27,691.96; administration expenses, \$590.65; general expenses, \$211.53; family allowance, \$1667.79. The estate still owns two parcels of land valued at \$16,290 and personal property of the value of \$16,725. Mrs. Brown being under \$25,000 bonds has asked for a reduction to a sum equal to twice the value of the rental of the estate, which is about \$1200.

TO HUSBAND'S RESCUE.

Christina Klumm, who has been before the police several times to have her husband, George Klumm, punished for mistreatment of her, sued out a writ of habeas corpus in his behalf yesterday, claiming he is under illegal restraint because thrown into jail a few days ago under a commitment and judgment suspended in November, a year ago. This was after he had pleaded guilty of beating her and been sentenced to pay fine of \$50 or serve 180 days in jail. Upon her entreaties he was released on probation and then made off to Arizona. He was arrested upon his return a few days ago. Klumm is stated to have beaten the wife with a chain. The hearing on the writ will be had before Judge Austin on Friday morning.

LONG LIVED EDGERLYS.

The members of the Edgerly family are long lived, according to the final report made yesterday by W. A. Edgerly, an administrator, asking for distribution of the estate of William Edgerly of \$1805.89 cash, in shares of one-ninth to each of eight brothers and sisters and one-thirty-six to four children in New York of a deceased brother. Among the brothers is A. S. of Fresno, aged 74, and another of New Hampshire, aged 65, besides sisters in New Hampshire, aged 85, 82, 80, 78, 72 and 67. The estate's receipts were \$3278.99 and the expenses \$1473.07. The real property consisted of lots 14 and 15 in block 1 of Fanning's addition, which, with the lease of the second story of the Dunn block, were sold for \$3200. The personal property was sold for \$2210.

UP FOR SIX MONTHS.

Jesus Castro, who made an assault with a dagger upon Paula Muniz at the 20th of last August, pleaded guilty to an assault yesterday and Judge Church sentenced him to imprisonment in the county jail for six months. The fracas was a drunken affray in which both were equally culpable.

INFORMED AGAINST.

E. Desperat has been informed against for having on June 30, 1907, stolen in Madera county four mules and three horses, the property of Miller & Lux and driven them into this county, constituting a crime of grand larceny for every county into which he may have brought the stolen stock.

BRING ALL PAPERS.

Notice has been served on the defendant company in the suit of M. C. McLane against the Paradise Gild Mining Company that on the trial today it produce all contracts, options or agreements between it and Dr. R. Lyall of Los Angeles entered into in 1909 in reference to the Paradise mine, and also all correspondence.

M'LANE TO SPEAK AT REALTY LUNCHEON.

City Superintendent of Schools C. L. McLane will be the guest of the Fresno Realty Board at its luncheon today noon at the Sequoia. He will speak on the proposed agricultural course to be established at Yosemite Park in conjunction with the city schools.

THREE GROCERS BID ON SUPPLIES.

The second call for bids to furnish groceries to the county for its institutions and indigents brought out yesterday three bids, when before there was one only. The bidders were Kuhn-Goldstein Co., H. Gray & Co. and Holland & Holland. The tenders were on a schedule of goods and to average up the total bid to ascertain the lowest, the three tenders were referred to the county expert to figure up. Holland & Holland were the former lone bidders, but raised on their figures in the second, especially in the dairy and produce figures.

CANCEL INDIGENT LIST FOR YEAR.

According to an annual practice, the supervisors canceled yesterday the indigent list carrying allowances monthly of \$447. Besides this the board did away also with the allowance out of the indigent fund for the care of orphans and half orphans out of the orphanage. The purpose of this annual list cancellation is to compel the receivers of county bounty to appear in January before the board and present new facts and credentials for a continuance of their allowances.

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REWARD.

\$10 reward for information leading to the arrest of parties who stole canvases from hay stacks of J. B. Hill Co. on West and Belmont avenues.

Meet me at the Opera Billiard Parlor, J and Fresno. J. D. Helvey, Prop.

Our Store Will be Open Thursday and Friday Evenings

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CENTRAL MANAGEMENT NEEDED FOR CEMETERY

Divided Responsibility Said
to Make Improvement
Impossible.

Editor Republican:—It seems an unfortunate thing for a cemetery improvement. The recent articles by both Mr. Chambers and Mrs. Cook make me believe that our public is earnestly in favor of beautifying in a reasonable manner of our cemetery. In my experience I have visited many communities of quite varied kinds of people. I find it an almost universal rule that respect for the dead either in the family or the community is associated with a greater thought and love for the children and young people. If I were to casually judge a community as a place to establish a home and knew no one in the place, I would first see what kind of a cemetery it kept up, then how the people sustained their churches, and after that the character of the schools. I am convinced that the fear of death is of purely a material conception and that it often interferes with the progress of the individual, it would appear that the beautification of the cemetery is a the most important and practical problem for Fresno, or for any other community. First for our personal loves and affections, then for the uplifting of the ideals of man, and again for the more advertisement of our community to home seekers.

Reaffirmed. It would be a proper surrounding for a columbarium, for some future time, if that came to be our custom. Not being a landscape artist or a practical man in any of these respects, I cannot offer plans. It does, however, appear to me that our present system is wrong. With the number of different lodges, or organizations and individuals all separately interested,



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nothing will be accomplished. The present management cannot be running hither and thither at the cross-purposes requests of the multitude. What we need is co-operation in a central management, and responsibility. This first accomplished, it seems to me there would be little trouble in making our cemetery a veritable garden. Repeating Park shows that it can be done.

Very truly,
W. T. MAUPIN.

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May we not ask the same consideration of our bills? Will you not analyze your daily use of our commodities? We cannot deliver in bulk; we do the storage and deliver at your command in just the quantity you call for and at any time of day or night—press a button or turn a key and we respond. There are times at night when stores are closed and cars are not running, but there is no time when our commodities of GAS and ELECTRICITY are not immediately available for your use. That service is worth something—to know that for LIGHT, for HEAT, or for POWER, we are AT YOUR SERVICE at all times.

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Pretty French Gray Tea Spoons, Olive Forks, Butter Knives, Sugar Spoons, Knives, Forks, Salad Forks, Meat Forks, Etc. The kind that should wear a life time.

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Thousands of odd pretty bowls, sets, mugs, cups and saucers, trays, etc.

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CROWD GETS IN**

SAYS GROWERS MUST CUT LOOSE FROM THE PACKERS

Mrs. Mowat Investigates Eastern Conditions, Blames Consolidated.

In Nearly Every City They Were First to Cut Price to Trade.

Editor Republican:—It is a long time since I have asked any of your papers on the raisin situation, but Mr. Alex Goldstein's article of December 1st printed in the Republican, has just reached me, and is so misleading one feels a few points might be answered by one in close touch with the outside markets.

Mr. Goldstein says "packers started out to pay 8 cents" for raisins, "but owing to conditions, the market in the natural course of things (and as predicted) declined." Whether or not 8 cents is the cost of production need not be discussed, growers who keep books know, while not all others are in a position to say what the year's expenses have been. The "prediction" Mr. Goldstein speaks of was made by "Consolidated" packers and Mr. Chad-dock (who is understood to be a "sub-

sidized partner" of the "Consolidated.") All told, there are understood to be fourteen of these packing firms—ten actual members, and as they have made and dictated prices to the trade for many years, they could safely "predict a decline in price." These packers are allied and peruse a set policy, dictated by one man, and no outside or independent packer can afford to pay the growers any more than the Consolidated pays, nor can they sell for more than the price indicated or quoted by the Consolidated.

After much hearing of the early market to 30, quite a few growers decided to sell at this price rather than chance a lower price and when packers found they could buy at their price, they at once began to offer only 24, and the cut was started as "predicted." Several packers assured me the reason they would not pay 30 was because the growers were perfectly willing to take that price.

Mr. Goldstein's statement that the seedling royalty is not assessed to the grower reminds one of the thread-bare story of the young man who started traveling as a commercial salesman, and finding himself in need of a suit of clothes, he was advised by an older salesman "to buy the suit and charge it in his expenses." As the firm employing the young man would not allow such an item of expense, he again spoke to his adviser and was informed such an expense should not be itemized. On the next trip, an overcoat was bought. On turning in his expense account, his employer said: "Well, I see no suit of clothes charged this time." "No, but it is there just the same." This is true of an exorbitant seedling royalty—it is not itemized as a cost to be paid by the grower, but "it is there just the same."

No one would object to 1/4 or perhaps even 1/2 cent seedling royalty, but when these packers fix an exorbitant royalty of 1 cent to 1 1/2 cent per pound, the royalty becomes a menace to the whole raisin industry. First, because the trade cannot stand a fair price to the grower. With the increased cost of production, and an exorbitant seedling royalty (the quoted price f. o. b. Fresno, becomes too high. Second, and perhaps worst of all, it gives from four to sixteen different prices at which packers may quote—from 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 cent discount—the inevitable result being instability of price with the lowest quotes getting the business and prices being forced lower and lower.

The Consolidated packers, with their seedling royalty, and the fixing up of independent seedling plants, has certainly been a great injury to the raisin industry, as the seeded raisin has become the gauge of the market.

In every market where I have sold, or tried to sell raisins, with one exception, no one has ever paid me in prices as credited to members of the Consolidated. There might be some excuse for beginners to be the lowest sellers as their work, goods, and even themselves, are unknown to the trade, and it is only by persistent personal effort, or a lower price, that a jobber can be induced to give an unknown packer an order. This condition does not exist for the Consolidated packers as they are well known in fact that California has an unenviable reputation for instability of values.

The raisin situation both as to quality and stability of price will never be solved until the growers are in a position to meet the market on their own terms. No half-way measure will bring success or stability for any length of time.

The purely commercial packer is a menace to quality, as he will practically guarantee for a good quality raisin than a poor one, always forcing the price of fine fruit to the basis of the poorest quality. The inevitable result is growers will produce raisins for quantity, not quality. Always the packer or distributor that has solved the problem of obtaining a remunerative price for fruits, nuts, or other products of the soil has done so through organization, striving to produce and ship an ever finer product until it is marketed at a remunerative price.

In the grocery stores of all our large cities, and many very small ones even, Spanish layer raisins in abundance can be found, but scarcely any California raisins, and many stores no California layers at all. Some of the imported raisins are finer than any grown in California during last two years, but the large percentage of the imported raisins (especially the layers) are not equal to our four crown muscatel raisins.

Growing raisins for quality, rather than quantity, together with judicious advertising, will amply repay the growers when they can market their own crops, but will avail little as long as the marketing of raisins is controlled by the Consolidated packers.

Mr. Goldstein's tirade against Mr. W. Giffen reminds one of a baby crying for its milk as the bottle is being carried from its sight.

Mr. Goldstein's contention of the benefit of the money spent for labor in seedling raisins in Fresno and the great loss sustained by Fresno in losing 75 per cent (7) of the raisins consigned by the Farmers' Union—seeded in the East—is rather "far-fetched"—"swallowing a camel and straining at a gnat." The benefit of money paid labor for seedling raisins in Fresno, is as nothing compared to the great losses sustained by raisin growers through the low prices caused by the policy of the Consolidated packers.

Mr. Goldstein at least acknowledges an "outraged public exists and it was scarcely necessary for Mr. Giffen (or any other) to denounce a number of firms engaged in the same line of business, etc." Has the policy of these firms, with its attendant losses to growers has denounced them long ago. However much Mr. Giffen may have followed the policy of these same firms, he has at least turned the tide for the betterment of raisin growers and the "outraged public" of Fresno, and we should give all due credit to Mr. Giffen and his associates.

Never the less, after the fearful losses of this year and last, growers will surely realize the necessity of a growers' organization to control and market the raisin crop and not be led away by any alluring promises of packers for another year, nor by their lano excuses as to cause of low price.

The market conditions amply warranted a 6 1/4 f. o. b. Fresno price. Such a price would have allowed growers 3 1/4 cents in the sweat-box, and still give 1/2 cent seedling royalty. It is up to the raisin growers to keep the control of their crops and "cut loose" from the commercial packers. We cannot expect stable prices or fair values under the packers' rule.

V. A. MOWAT.
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BOYS CONFESS TO HIGHWAY ROBBERY
Sons of Dead Railway Man Start Out Early on a Career of Crime.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—George and Lawrence Thomas, orphan sons of J. Q. Thomas, late freight and passenger agent for the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad at Pueblo, Colo., to burglar to the police here. Their parents were killed in a railroad accident in August, 1904. With the boys, who are 19 and 17 years of age, is Joseph Kubat, who says his home is in the U. S. marine corps here five days ago.

George Thomas, the elder brother, told the police they undertook their exploits to get even with their uncle, and guardian, Nathan R. Waters, head of a manufacturing concern here, because of his refusal to give them an unlimited spending money.

Lawrence had letters showing he had been attending a school in Quincy, Ill. He came to St. Louis Saturday evening, went to his uncle's home and there, according to his confession to-day, stole an automobile, revolver, some trinkets and a small amount of money. Later Waters asked the police to arrest the boy on the burglary charge.

While the police were waiting for Lawrence to return to a hotel here, word came that Gold Holland of Webster Grove had been robbed by three highwaymen. Lawrence had a watch and pin that were taken from Holland and George confessed to the robbery, implicating Kubat.

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\$2.50 All Wool Fancy Garments, all colors and sizes, reduced to \$1.90

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Don't get excited even if there is a panic among the clothing dealers. If you are going to buy a suit or overcoat come where you are SURE of getting the most for your money; where you are sure you will get clothing unequaled anywhere in style, individuality and workmanship; where you will get garments strictly up-to-the-minute in every detail—and that place is here at my store. You can choose from seven of the grandest makes of suits and overcoats made in America at savings never equaled. You can buy the best underwear and the smartest furnishings, too, at big savings. Is it any wonder, then, that the biggest business is being done here where the best values are found? It will stand you in hand to share them. And my advice to you is to do so, and come early.

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If you had some Diapepsin handy and would take a little now your stomach distress or indigestion would vanish in five minutes and you would feel fine.

This harmless preparation will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, out-of-order stomach before you realize it.

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Ask your Pharmacist for a 50-cent case of Diapepsin and take a little just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching or

undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no undigested food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it prevents fermentation and takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is at any drugstore waiting for you.

These large 50-cent cases contain more than sufficient to thoroughly cure almost any case of Dyspepsia, indigestion or any other stomach disturbance.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—George and Lawrence Thomas, orphan sons of J. Q. Thomas, late freight and passenger agent for the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad at Pueblo, Colo., to burglar to the police here. Their parents were killed in a railroad accident in August, 1904. With the boys, who are 19 and 17 years of age, is Joseph Kubat, who says his home is in the U. S. marine corps here five days ago.

George Thomas, the elder brother, told the police they undertook their exploits to get even with their uncle, and guardian, Nathan R. Waters, head of a manufacturing concern here, because of his refusal to give them an unlimited spending money.

Lawrence had letters showing he had been attending a school in Quincy, Ill. He came to St. Louis Saturday evening, went to his uncle's home and there, according to his confession to-day, stole an automobile, revolver, some trinkets and a small amount of money. Later Waters asked the police to arrest the boy on the burglary charge.

While the police were waiting for Lawrence to return to a hotel here, word came that Gold Holland of Webster Grove had been robbed by three highwaymen. Lawrence had a watch and pin that were taken from Holland and George confessed to the robbery, implicating Kubat.

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"PHYSICAL VALUATION" OF RAILWAYS URGED

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Recommendations for changes in the present law regulating transportation companies are contained in the twenty-third annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission transmitted today to Congress.

Five of the suggestions made by the special committee selected by President Taft to draft changes in the existing interstate commerce act are offered in the report. It is known that the commission, as a body, favors the plans proposed by that committee, but as a matter of courtesy, it has refrained

from discussing the changes in advance of the special message on the subject which President Taft has indicated he will send to Congress. Briefly summarized, the proposed amendments are as follows: That a physical valuation be made of the interstate railroads of the country, which shall be binding on the courts and the commission; That the commission be given power to prevent advances in rates or changes in regulations or practices to the disadvantage of the shipper, pending an investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed change. The commission's authority to establish a joint rate and through route is limited to cases where no such route exists and the commission recommends that this limitation be stricken out of the law, so that it may establish a through route wherever, upon investigation, it is found desirable.

A further recommendation is that in certain instances the shipper be permitted to direct the intermediate routing of his traffic; also that the law be so amended as to give the commission undoubted authority to enter a corrective order as the result of an investigation instituted by the commission upon its own motion.

The commission again calls to the attention of Congress the increasing

importance of some form of federal control over the railroads. **RAILWAY INCOMES.** The annual reports of the commission from the carriers show that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, the gross operating revenues of all railroads in the United States were \$2,461,533,345 and the operating income (derived by subtracting operating expenses and taxes) was \$666,418,321. For 1909 the operating revenue was \$2,494,115,589, and the operating income \$741,617,191, indicating an increase for 1909 of \$32,582,244 in gross earnings, and \$75,193,870 in net earnings. The average number of miles operated in 1909 was 228,164 and in 1908 235,502. The large increase in net earnings with gross earnings is accounted for by a reduction of operating expenses in 1909 below those of 1908 of \$58,324,983.

The report indicates that a large number of formal complaints were filed with the commission in 1909 than in 1908.

Since December 1, 1908, thirty-five indictments for criminal violations of the interstate commerce law have been returned, and forty-two prosecutions have been concluded. The fines collected under indictments aggregated \$394,233.84.

The opinion is expressed that violations of the law, such as raising in some form or another, are decreasing. Some account is given of the proceedings during the year in the enforcement of the safety appliance law, and the commission states that the results are gratifying.

The number of men killed in coupling and uncoupling cars for each 1000 employees was three in 1908 and one in 1909, while the number of injuries for each 1000 men employed in this class was seventy-seven in 1908 and sixteen in 1909.

"SLEEPER TRUNK" SMUGGLERS CAUGHT
Dress Goods Worth Millions Escaped Payment of Customs Duties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Twenty-seven modistes involved in the vast "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of the customs frauds which have been brought to light at this port, have been indicted by the Federal grand jury and all probably will be under arrest within twenty-four hours. Having obtained all the evidence necessary to proceed, the government began a general round-up today with the arrest of nine women and four men. All were arraigned and held for trial. Caroline Windmiller, held as being one of the principal offenders, gave bail for \$5000. The others gave surety in smaller amounts. It is alleged that the government was defrauded out of thousands of dollars by means of trunks containing furs which were left on steamship piers and secretly removed later.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Federal officials today arrested a number of persons who are alleged to be implicated in a conspiracy to smuggle expensive gowns and dry goods into this country. The arrests were made simultaneously in different parts of the country, two women in Chicago being apprehended on a charge of having a part in a conspiracy to defraud the government, which has already succeeded in smuggling across the line more than \$2,000,000 worth of dutiable goods. There are twenty-six charged with aiding in the conspiracy and all of these have been indicted by the Federal grand jury in New York. The women arrested in Chicago are Mary L. Weber, also known as Madame Whitney, proprietor of a fashionable establishment, and Katherine Schwarz.

GAVE HIM CARBOLIC ACID IN CAPSULES
Woman Wanted to Get Rid of Her Husband, So as to Have a Good Time.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 21.—Systematically giving her husband poison for four days, causing his death in order that she might "have a good time," is charged against Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, in jail here.

Boxes that had contained the poison, a pair of gloves Mrs. Armstrong had worn to protect her hands when, it is alleged, she filled with carbolic acid capsules that she persuaded her husband to swallow, were found today by the police at the Armstrong home. Florence Myrtle Harris, 16 years of age, who lived with the Armstrongs, directed the police to the article. The girl said that Armstrong was ill last Thursday and that his wife gave him a dose of rat poison, pretending it was medicine. On Sunday, according to the girl's statement, Mrs. Armstrong filled several capsules with carbolic acid and her husband took them. "I begged Mrs. Armstrong not to give her husband more poison, but she answered that she had started to end his life and she might as well finish it," the girl stated to the prosecutor, "and on Sunday night she gave him a dose of strychnine."

Mrs. Armstrong declared that her husband had taken poison with intent to commit suicide. She is 25 years of age, and he was 40. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and held a \$1000 life insurance policy.

VOLUNTARY TO GO TO JAIL.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—John Alexander Voliva, successor to John Alexander Dowle at Zion City, will go to jail tomorrow on recommitment for con-

Oh, Mama!
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J. A. CRUZAN, Field Agent.

TWO ATTEMPTS MADE TO BURN COLFAX

COLFAX, Cal., Dec. 21.—Two attempts have been made during the past three days to set fire to this town. The first attempt was last night, when E. Austin discovered, on hearing a noise at midnight that some one had placed a can of coal oil beneath his doorsteps and ignited a saturated barley sack. He saved his home by hard work.

Two nights before a large barn was destroyed by incendiary fire. The citizens are aroused and will take drastic measures if the fireing is caught.

SANTA FE CARELESSNESS IS CAUSE OF THE WRECK

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury at Winslow, investigating the Santa Fe collision in which Mrs. Alice Bennett was killed and fifty passengers injured, returned a verdict today after a four days' session, that the wreck was caused by the carelessness of the Santa Fe Railroad company and recommended that it be taken up by the next grand jury. Mrs. Bennett's money, which was not found after her death, leading to the belief that the body had been robbed, was discovered today sewed into the lining of her skirt. It amounted to \$70.

WEALTHY IMBECILE DIES.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—George Rhodus, a wealthy man of this city, whose marriage in Louisville five years ago to a woman known as Elma Lane, was annulled here after the couple had been pursued to New York and Pittsburgh, died here today. Elma Lane appeared to the state supreme court from the annulment decision and this matter is pending. She was charged with abducting Rhodus, when, it was alleged, he was weak mentally and physically.

BUDGET SHOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, SAYS ALDWIN

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lord Aldwin says that the decision to vote on the budget because he did not wish to oppose his own side, but he saw nothing in the budget justifying his rejection. Lord Aldwin formerly was Michael Edwards Hicks-Bosch and Chancellor of the Exchequer. His statement is likely to prove injurious to the conservatives.

WINE MERCHANT ROBBED.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Two masked men entered the establishment of J. B. Cressman, a wine merchant on Ninth street at 11 o'clock tonight, and at the point of a revolver one of them forced the proprietor to hold up his hands while the other opened the cash register and took \$100 in currency. Both then backed to the door and ran. The police were notified and took up the trail but the hold-up men have not been apprehended.



Will greet your eyes as you enter our establishment, greet your nostrils, palate and the cookies of your heart Christmas day and week if you buy from us the wines, whiskies, brandies or cordials you will require for holiday feasting and entertaining. Fancy packages for holiday gifts.

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NEW COMMISSIONS FOR LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Mayor Alexander's appointments to the municipal commission were unanimously approved by the city council today as follows:

Harbor Commissioners—T. E. Gibson, Stoddard Jess and M. H. Newman.

Public Utilities Board—Meyer Lieberman, Frank J. Hart and Paul Haupt.

Civil Service Commission—Dr. John R. Haynes.

Conservation of the city's harbor interests is the immediate work before the harbor board, while the utilities commission will begin at once an investigation of rates of public service corporations, which are fixed annually by the council.

MARAUDER IS SHOT.

NEEDLES, Cal., Dec. 21.—Daniel O'Donnell was shot and killed today by William Williamson, a contractor, and at the latter's grating camp on the Parker cut-off near here. O'Donnell was creating a disturbance at the camp and when Williamson protested he drew a revolver and fired. Williamson replied with two bullets, and O'Donnell fell dead.

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CONGRESS TAKES HOLIDAY LEAVE

Committee Makes Report on the "White Slave" Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congress adjourned today until January 4th. In the Senate today the committee on immigration and naturalization reported a bill to amend the act of March 3, 1907, relating to the "white slave" trade.

A resolution by Senator Flint calling for all the papers bearing upon the case was adopted. Senator Jones read to the Senate a letter from Secretary Ballinger practically demanding an inquiry, which he said he could not make, and also expressing his belief that any inquiry should be broad enough to cover the "pernicious activity of officials" in the forestry service as well as the alleged basis for any charges against the interior department.

A resolution by Senator Gore, making an investigating committee of eight members of the Senate and House, including several so-called "insurgent" senators, was successfully side-tracked by Senator Aldrich, who had in reference to the committee on public lands. The House was in session only ten minutes. Representative Mann, as chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, reported his bill for the suppression of the "white slave" traffic, and Representative Richardson of Alabama, filed a minority report against the Mann bill for the reorganization of the government of the Isthmus of Panama.

CONGRESS DELINQUENT.
Among other things, the report says: "The use of interstate commerce in sending prostitutes from one state to another in connection with this traffic in women would seem to be as directly connected with interstate commerce as the sending of tickets from one state to another in furtherance of the operation of a lottery."

"So far Congress has not enacted legislation to insure the carrying out of the provisions of the international treaty for the suppression of this traffic."

"The proposed legislation is needed to put a stop to a villainous interstate and international traffic in women and girls, not needed or intended as an aid to the states in the exercise of their police powers in suppressing or regulating immorality in general. It does not attempt to regulate the practice of voluntary prostitution, but aims solely to prevent panders and procurers from compelling thousands of women and girls against their will to enter upon and continue in a life of prostitution."

"ARE REAL SLAVES."
"These women are practically slaves in the true sense of the word. Many are kept in houses of ill fame against their will and if necessary force is used to deprive them of their liberty. The victims are these women and girls who have been given a fair chance would in all

man probability have been good wives and mothers and useful citizens. Liquor, trickery, deceit, fraud, and the use of force are resorted to by the procurer to place the girl under his power."

Chairman Mann said today that he did not know just when the bill would be brought up on the floor of the House. He declared that there was no reason for any clash between his committee and the committee on immigration and that proper legislation to meet the evil in the best possible way, which he believed was through his bill, was all that he sought.

Chairman Mann asked and was granted unanimous consent for setting aside sufficient time for the minority of the committee to file objections to the bill. Their report would be presented after the holidays by Representative Richardson of Alabama, supported by Representatives Adamson, Bartlett and Peters of the committee.

OLD POSTAL FEES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congressional action by a number of senators in introducing resolutions calling for information relative to amounts derived from the rental of postoffice boxes and regulations fees between the years 1864 and 1875 has aroused considerable interest. Inquiry developed the fact that during those years postmasters in nearly every state turned these fees into the treasury, but that there had been a ruling since that time that these fees should be kept by the postmasters in lieu of salaries.

A claim by one postmaster in the state of Washington for \$600 started the flood of resolutions and it is the intention of the claimants to try to have Congress enact an omnibus measure to refund to all postmasters the amounts paid to the government during that period.

No one seems to have any idea how much money will be involved.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE HEARINGS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The campaign in Congress for general interstate commerce legislation was opened today by the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce which gave notice of its adoption of an order setting hearings for January 18th next and daily thereafter.

BACON IS CONFIRMED.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon of New York to be ambassador to France.

LAND FRAUD DEFENDANTS ESCAPE ON TECHNICALITY.
DENVER, Dec. 21.—Federal Judge Lewis today discharged the defendants on trial before him for alleged coal land frauds in Routt county. The proceedings came to a close when U. S. District Attorney Thomas Ward, Jr., attempted to introduce a letter addressed to have been written by one of the defendants to J. W. Atwell, a "dummy" entryman, and the court sustained the objection of the defense to the introduction of the letter on the ground that it was self-incriminating and took away constitutional rights.

Judge Lewis also held that the deeds from several of the defendants to the Union Land Company which the prosecution held to have been fraudulent could not be introduced to show the conspiracy.

It is said all the other big land fraud cases set for trial may now be dismissed.

REFORMS TO FOLLOW PROHIBITION DEFEAT

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21.—Walla Walla "wets" spent last night and until early this morning commemorating their overwhelming victory over the prohibition forces, and the streets were thronged with revelers. Through a number of arrests were made the throng was good natured and orderly for the most part.

Coincident with the announcement of their victory the "business men's committee" which has conducted the fight against prohibition, announced that steps would be at once taken to reduce the number of saloons here to one for every thousand inhabitants. A program of general municipal reform is to be carried out in accordance with prohibition promises.

Prohibitionists at a meeting last night decided on the formation of a Civic League to cooperate with the business men's committee. Meetings to develop details of the proposed reform program will be held this week.

HOMESEEKERS' RATES TO BE INCREASED

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Homeseekers' rates from Chicago and St. Louis and the Middle West to the entire Southwest and to a portion of the West will be slightly increased for the coming year. This was decided at a meeting of the executive officials held yesterday.

The maximum rates for the homeseekers will be increased between \$2.50 and \$5, making it \$35 from Chicago, \$27.50 from St. Louis instead of \$25, and \$25 from Kansas City.

RARE INSECTS FOUND DURING TRIP IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Two thousand and spiders, 500 bottles of insects and a numerous assortment of scorpions, snakes and amphibians from out of the way corners of Mexico have just reached New York. They are the result of a ten months' expedition of the American Museum of Natural History. His choicest trophy is a very rare trap-door spider, of which only one other specimen is known to exist. It was found in the state of Tlaxcala.

LIABLE FOR A RASH SPECULATOR'S DEBTS

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—In deciding a test case, Justice De Cass yesterday practically held the Detroit United Railway liable for \$100,000 of debts contracted by Frank C. Andrews, whose spectacular wracking of a bank here six years ago sent him to the penitentiary.

Attorneys for the company announced they would appeal to the Supreme Court. If the decision is affirmed, the corporation will have to pay the claims pending against the Andrews roads taken over by the Detroit United Railway.

GRAIN BROKER DIES.
PASADENA, Dec. 21.—Samuel Williamson, one of the best known grain brokers in the West, died today in a local hospital. Williamson's home was in Salt Lake City, to which place his body will be sent for burial.

HE MAY HAVE SEEN KIDNAPING OF BOY

PASADENA, Dec. 21.—E. J. Card of this city told a story to the police today which, it is believed, throws some light on the disappearance of Carlos Wright, 16 years of age, from his home here, a week ago under circumstances indicating kidnaping.

Card says that on the night of Wright's disappearance a wagon containing three men drove past his house. There was a fourth figure in the vehicle lying prostrate and struggling. Several times this person was sworn at and struck by the men. This was near the cemetery, in which some of Wright's clothing was found. At a spot where there were signs of a struggle, Constable Harley Nowell and W. O. Thompson, brother-in-law of Carlos Wright, are still in San Francisco searching for the boy. It is known that he is near that city as he has received mail at the Oakland postoffice.

PACIFIC FLEET COMING.

VALLEJO, Dec. 21.—Orders received at the Mare Island navy yard indicate that the Pacific fleet, due to arrive February 15th from the Orient, will remain here only thirty days before proceeding to Magdalena Bay for target practice.

Plans are being made to do the necessary work on the ships under rough orders before the fleet sails for target practice.

Recommendations for the installation of skeleton masts similar to the work recently done in the East Indies have been received from Washington.

ROOSEVELTS IN UGANDA.

KAMPALA, Uganda, Dec. 21.—The American hunting expedition arrived here today and was received by Commissioner Knowles. Colonel Roosevelt came by motor car from Entebbe and the others arrived on the steamer.

Before leaving Entebbe, Colonel and Kermit Roosevelt had luncheon at the government house and held a public reception. This afternoon they visited the Muh III mission here and later received King David Chwa of Uganda.

SUGAR TRUST CLAIMS OVERWEIGHT REBATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—From a passive and apologetic defendant, the American Sugar Refining company has suddenly become an aggressive plaintiff.

The company now charges that it has lost since 1907 almost as much by overweights as it profited by underweights prior to 1907. The company had voluntarily turned back \$2,000,000 to the government and now asks \$500,000 in return. Since 1907, the company contends, its receipts of sugar have been overweighed on an average of 1/2 per cent.

INCREASE IS REFUSED

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Locomotive firemen employed on the Chicago and North-western railway today met with a flat refusal to their demands for an increase in wages on all large engines.

PLUM PUDDING FOR BROKERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A 50-cent plum pudding will be the star attraction of the Christmas celebration, which the brokers on the Consolidated Stock Exchange will hold on Friday afternoon. All the employees of the exchange will this year receive as a Christmas gift a sum equal to 2 per cent of their annual salaries.

FORAKER DENOUNCES CORPORATION TAX

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—Former Senator Joseph B. Foraker vehemently denounced the corporation tax before several hundred business men of Cincinnati tonight.

Foraker declared the tax was absolutely unjust and advised his hearers to refuse to pay the assessment because the law was unconstitutional. The former senator declared that the tax had been "foisted upon the public under false pretenses." He said that while the government pretended that the tax was to raise revenue, it really was a measure intended to give Federal authorities control over corporation business and was aimed at special interests.

CLAIRVOYANT FAILS TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—P. C. Conlin, alias Charles Alexander, a clairvoyant, alleged to have awindled James O'Kelly of Coos Bay, Ore., out of \$1500 while pretending to restore to him his lost stepdaughter, failed to appear today when his case was called in the police court. His bail was declared forfeited and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

If he is apprehended, the judge ordered that he be released only on producing bail of \$10,000 cash or \$20,000 bonds.

Stella Murtel, the girl who impersonated the stepdaughter, still is in the hospital and unable to appear.

NAVAL REFORM COMPLETED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson today assumed his duties as chief of the bureau of navigation of the Navy Department, the Meyer plan of organization of the Navy Department was practically in complete working order. Admiral Nicholson succeeded Rear Admiral Porter, who will be aide for personnel.

Admiral Nicholson was in command of the Nebraska in her cruise around the world.

WILL PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO STRICKEN FAMILIES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Twelve Chicago aldermen will go tomorrow to Cherry, Illinois, the stricken mining town where 300 miners were entombed, to play Santa Claus to the 1000 widows and orphans. A full carload of toys, candy and fruit will be taken for the children.

SECRETARY DICKINSON GOES TO PORTO RICO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Dickinson sailed for Porto Rico on the President's yacht Mayflower to make an investigation of political conditions especially with regard to the extension of citizenship to the Porto Ricans.

GAMBLING LAW UPHOLD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—For the third time within as many weeks the Walker-Otis anti-betting law was declared constitutional when Judge Dunne today overruled the demurrer in the case of Charles Schwartz, arrested last July for betting on a baseball game.

Willie Says!

The Boss was in the dressing room the other morning exercising his vocal organs. It sounded as if he was trying to get his voice down into the cellar. We boys thought at first that he was feeling sick, when the Hon. Chas. A. Chambers came in the front door and hearing those cellar notes rushed back and exclaimed: Why, Maurice, what is the matter? With a smile on his face the Boss replied: Why, I am trying to get my voice as low down as the prices on our suits and overcoats, and if I succeed my fortune will be made. Now, what do you think of that?

Our store will be open evenings.

MAURICE RORPHURO

OST RELIABLE
CLOTHIER AND HABERDASHER,
1023-1025 I STREET, FRESNO, CAL.

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SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

A Sale of Truly Wonderful Magnitude

Over 50 HOMES made happy this week, no store in California ever offered such a chance before. From all sections comes the news, times are growing better, things are looking up. This is the reason that San Joaquin Valley's prosperous folks have furnished their homes with these truly beautiful pianos. Many do not understand how it is possible for us to sell these fine new pianos at such tremendous reductions, but it is simply this, we must turn them into cash or interest bearing notes. The question of profit or even cost does not enter into the proposition at all.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

BUYERS QUICK TO RECOGNIZE MONEY SAVING OPPORTUNITY
Piano Stock Offered at Great Reductions.

The following will give you an inkling of what the greatest piano selling event really means.

Think of brand new mahogany or oak cases, fancy upright pianos retailing everywhere for \$300 and \$325 now selling at \$182 and others in plain cases for even less money.

Choice new fancy mottled mahogany cases, large size, regular \$375 and \$400 styles now selling for \$227.

The very finest fanciest mahogany cabinet grand, sample pianos with all the latest improvements, including the fine Wessel Nickel Gross action, retailing from \$400 to \$425, now selling for \$258.

MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE THE IMMENSE PIANO STOCK

Has been thrown on the market at prices lower than has ever been quoted in this or any other store. Stern necessity compels the price cutting.

We must dispose of our piano stock at once. Every instrument now on hand is to be closed out at once.

The longer you delay your selection of that long-talked-of piano, the less of a variety you will have to choose from.

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE, BUT COME QUICK. EILERS MUSIC CO.

SOME BEAUTIFUL BABIES

Who Will Give Them a Home? Just the Thing for Well to Do Families
Genuine Beauties. They Will Be Received With Open Arms.

They're Baby Grand Pianos, of course, and it is hardly probable that any as beautiful specimens of highest grade American Piano manufacturers could be found anywhere else. Two of these are the latest creation of the renowned CHICKERING, the most beautiful in tone, most dainty in size and the most graceful in form and occupy but little more space than an Upright, yet has the tone of a CONCERT GRAND. It is the Piano that has made CHICKERING & SON the largest producers of Grand Pianos in the world.

All of these instruments will be closed out at tremendous reductions from the regular retail prices during this great sale. If there is room in your home for one of the choice Baby Grand Pianos you will find the exact instrument at such a saving in price that will simply astonish you. These instruments are listed at twelve hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,225). For the first time they come to you at almost half the price in two, but we take that back; but will come so close to the figure that we might as well put it that way.

SEE THESE BEAUTIFUL INSTRUMENTS AT EILERS MUSIC CO.'S SACRIFICE SALE OF PIANO STOCK, 946 I STREET. THEY ARE GUARANTEED AND BRAND NEW INSTRUMENTS.

PIANOS

Chickering Upright, carved case, 7-1-3 octave, retail price \$500, sale price	\$468
Steinway Piano, beautiful mahogany case, retail price \$700, sale price	\$418
Cramer Upright, fine carved case, 3 pedals, retail price \$300, sale price	\$145
Emerson Piano, retail price \$375, sale price	\$190
Haines Bros. Piano, fine mahogany case, retail price \$425, sale price	\$218
Hawlett & Davis Piano, retail price \$260, sale price	\$285
New England Piano, upright, retail price \$300, sale price	\$163
Steinway Piano, beautiful rosewood case, retail price \$550, sale price	\$287
Krell Upright Piano, large beautiful oak case, retail price \$450, sale price	\$147

Rules of the Sale

Owing to the fact that these "quick-selling pianos" are causing heavy buying orders by long distance telephone or telegraph will be honored twenty-four hours only. Deliveries cannot be guaranteed, but every effort will be made to meet your wishes. "Money Back" if not exactly as represented, after delivery, accompanies each sale. There's no time for delay or waiting. Act quickly.

Here's Where You Save

Pay now, \$162, \$207, \$248 instead of \$250, \$300 and \$350.
Pay now \$268, \$282, \$297 instead of \$375, \$400 and \$425.
Pay now \$323, \$389, \$415 instead of \$450, \$475 and \$500.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Square Pianos \$15 up. Second-hand Uprights 375 up.

Used Organs, \$10; Used Piano Players, \$10. Stools and Seats Extra.

A Word as to Terms

While these drastically cut prices should be for SPOT cash only, in order to treat every one fairly and give all an equal chance, we will accept even easier terms of payment than ever before. In fact, no reasonable offer will be refused.

As little as \$6 down and \$6 a month will now secure a splendid piano; \$10 to \$15 down and \$8 a month will enable you to select from a large assortment, and aside from a few of the very fanciest and most costly Upright and Grands, the entire stock will be included in the \$20 to \$25 down and \$8 to \$10 per month offer. Old Pianos and Organs will be accepted in exchange, but only at their very lowest cash valuations.

Quick Action Necessary

The important thing is to act at once. Every day witnesses big crowds into the store. Tomorrow morning you will be able to select from the largest and finest assortment in the United States. Be on hand early.

EILERS MUSIC CO.

946 I Street. Chickering Dealers
HOME OF FINE PIANOS

STRAIGHTFORWARD PROPOSITION

This Should Be Carefully Investigated.

Look into this before it is too late, if the saving of money is an object.

Here are the largest size warranted case Schirmer Upright for \$117. They are considered worth \$250.

Then look at these new Mathews, for which many of your friends have paid \$150, and even \$200. Here during this sale you can get almost two of these Pianos for this money. On easy monthly payments, too, if you desire, you can have the regular \$200 styles which have sold even in the East for \$275, can now be secured for \$137, and the fancy styles, also having the three pedals, are now offered for \$150. Not necessary to pay all cash down, either. No one in Fresno will live long enough to see such choice makes as these new Chickering, Decker, Schirmer, Kimball, Steinway, Emerson, Lester, Schirmer and other fine pianos sold within \$150 of the prices at which we are now offering them. This seems simply preposterous, but nevertheless it is true.

See these beautiful fancy mahogany, English oak or mottled walnut-cased cabinet Grand Upright Pianos, regular retail price \$550, now \$337 and \$350—\$220 down and \$12 a month buys them.

And these fancy genuine English mottled walnut, regular \$200 styles, for \$287—\$25 down and \$10 a month if you like.

All these pianos are new. All are fully guaranteed, and any piano sold at this sale that is not found exactly as represented after delivery can be returned by the recipient as a present, without paying another dollar upon the contract, or piano can be returned and money will be refunded if desired. Hear this in mind. Everything shall be found here open and above board and as represented, or no sale.

REMEMBER THE PLACE, 946 I STREET, EILERS MUSIC CO., OPPOSITE HUGHES HOTEL.

This Tells the Story!

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROBLEM SOLVED

A Sensible Present and One That Will Always Be Appreciated.

Did it ever occur to you how thoroughly appropriate is the Piano or Auto-topiano as a Christmas gift? It is a present to the whole family and a large circle of friends as well. From it radiates pleasure, not only today, but every day for a lifetime. It is not too good for the best; it is more than good enough for the best. It brings joy to all. It is a gift that will remain permanently in your home after the bangles are destroyed and forgotten. The baby will wonder at it and will learn to play it later; it will keep the boy home evenings and afford the daughter a good money-earning education, should she ever need it, and at the same time it will give her the most charming of accomplishments. No gift carries with it more of the real Christmas spirit, and no gift will be longer remembered.

Why spend good money for knick-knacks and trifles—forgotten the day after they are given? If a Christmas gift has any meaning, it should be something to earn the continued appreciation of the person who receives it. Let it be a piano.

AND SUCH EASY TERMS

That surprising part of this sale is that not only are these pianos for sale at less than the price the small dealers usually pay for them, but any resident of this city and vicinity can buy on such thoroughly advantageous and convenient terms. Pay one-tenth of sale price in cash and the balance will be arranged in convenient payments. Any reasonable requirements will be made while this sale is on, but you must act at once, for at these prices and these terms of payment we must do business quickly. Eight dollars, \$6 or even \$5 a month looks easy, and it is easy. No home need be without a piano now.

Remember the place, the big Piano Exhibition and sale, Eilers Music Company, 946 I STREET.



"Good Riddance," Says Anty Drudge.

Mrs. Don't know—Oh, dear! Oh, dear! What shall I do? Here I am with the biggest washing for months, and there is a great big rust hole in the bottom of my washboiler."

Anty Drudge—"It's just the best thing that ever happened for you. Just throw the washboiler away or make an ash can of it, and wash with this cake of Fels-Naptha soap I've brought you. Use it in cold or lukewarm water, as easy directions on inside of wrapper tell you, and you'll never want a washboiler about the place again."

You are always ready to use Fels-Naptha soap. That is a great advantage.

Say you want to wash a few white things on a hot day. You don't build a hot fire and make the house like an oven to heat water.

With Fels-Naptha you just get a bowl of cold water and wash the things.

It's so simple, so easy. No boiling of clothes; no steam, no nauseous odor.

Same way if you want to remove an accidental grease spot from the floor or wash a window marked by sticky fingers. When there's cold water near, Fels-Naptha is always ready.

You'll appreciate this readiness on wash-day. No washboilers and stirring paddles to bother with, no hot fire to keep up, no danger of scalding your hands.

Likewise in washing dishes, Fels-Naptha will cut the grease in cold or lukewarm water, no matter how long they have stood before washing. And there's no heat to crack delicate china or glassware.

Follow directions on the red and green wrapper.

SUPERVISORS PASS UPON COUNTY LIQUOR LAW PROVISIONS

Cannot Be Effective Before the Middle of Next Month.

Serving of Wine Permitted at Meals on All Days in Latin Eating Houses.

The supervisors went over the county liquor ordinance in detail yesterday afternoon with Deputy District Attorney McCormick, agreeing upon and adopting section after section until all were passed upon and the ordinance had draft to be corrected for final passage.

As before stated the ordinance substantially follows the provisions of the city ordinance with midnight and Sunday closing of the liquor traffic as the two most important essentials. In fact some of the city ordinance sections have been lifted without a change in the language.

The ordinance may be adopted as a whole today. If the draft is completed, but whether it is or is not it will not be operative with the city law on January 1. With the greatest expedition, the county ordinance will not be effective before the middle of next month, because it cannot become operative until fifteen days after passage, including during those fifteen days publication for one week.

The new ordinance will on passage be effective as to all its provisions only as to applications for liquor licenses coming in and granted after the passage of the ordinance. While the regulatory provisions as to hours of closing, conduct of the establishments and character of them will affect the county saloons in existence, in other respects they will not until one year hence, when the present license holders will have to come in with applications for new licenses and will be required to follow the procedure outlined. Hereafter liquor licenses in the county will be for the definite and curtailed period of one year only.

One of the first sections of the ordinance in the consideration of the ordinance was the license rate for saloons; the wholesale rate having been done away with. Jorgensen urged a \$100 quarterly license for the purpose as he said of cutting out the saloons in the county. Hebraugh, Huffman was for \$75 rate. Johnson was indifferent as to the figure and Mitchell and Martin were against an increase. The license was allowed to stand at \$50, which is one-half less than what Jorgensen would have made it.

Objection was made to the provision cutting for a license holder, to reside on the place and personally conduct the saloon, because prohibitive of a Fresno man conducting a place elsewhere in the county and Jorgensen further pointed out it would cut out corporations or firms doing business. McCormick urged that the subdivision was intended to place personal responsibility for the conduct of the saloon. The objection was cut out.

Huffman favored having ten out of the twenty nearest residing electors as signers to a petition for a license with the other qualifications as in the present ordinance. The provision of the present ordinance was adhered to requiring five out of ten.

Some joking indulged in that on hearings of remonstrances of late it has been found difficult even to find five legally qualified signers and a whole month would be spent in such hearings if the number of eligibles were doubled.

The word "citizen" as defined in section 51 of the code, was substituted for "elector" in the requirement that a majority of the members of a firm or a corporation should be residents of the place for which a license is obtained. The board members insisted upon this use of the word "citizen," considering that they were unanimous in the demand that every license holder would hereafter have to be an American citizen.

The life of a license was fixed at one year, with the reservation in the board of the right during the life of the license to cancel, or revoke and deny with or without remonstrance for any of the reasons enumerated in the ordinance. The board stood out on the proposition that a petitioner having been refused a license for whatever reason cannot renew the application for another six months.

There was quite a little discussion as to the provision for a dry belt around incorporated towns, but there was unanimity of belief that this subject had better be left alone, because it is the established policy of the board not to grant a license for a saloon near a town that has chosen to be a dry town, and to define a limit in a belt around such a town would be by implication to encourage petitions to locate on the limit of such belt lines.

The section with regard to closing between midnight and 5 a. m. on week days and all day on Sunday and Sunday is the same as in the city ordinance, the only intimation to be had during closed hours being at drug stores on a prescription. A departure was made, however, on the urgent appeal of Mr. Jorgensen in behalf of French and Italian hotels, boarding houses and restaurants, where, he said, the service of wine is as much an essential as water, coffee or tea in other eating places and which wine is not sold but served as a beverage with the meal.

Attorney McCormick gave warning that with the city places closed during forbidden hours it will be necessary to watch out in the county against bad places that would be taking advantage of the closed hours.

Mr. Jorgensen's exception was adopted, subject of course to all the other restrictive provisions of the ordinance. The locking up of all saloons during prohibited hours, as in the city ordinance, was adopted, with an exception in favor of such country hotels where the saloon is often the sitting room for the guests.

The city ordinance provisions against piano, organ and musical instruments in a saloon, or a room connected with the saloon, also for the regulation of boxes that they shall open upon the main dining room and otherwise comply with specific regulations as to their furniture contents were adopted literally.

As above outlined the county ordinance will probably be unanimously moved to final passage at the December session of the board.

City Attorney Kauke had the seventy-eight applications for 1910 city liquor licenses yesterday for examination that they may be in legal form for action by the trustees on Thursday evening. Since the meeting night another application has come in for a class B restaurant. It is that of the Republic Cafe and is the seventy-ninth application for a liquor license.

Mayor Howell has also gone over the list with the endorsees of the petitioners and before tomorrow evening will have conferred with acting Chief Boyle as to what to recommend to the board for granting.

It is the report about the city hall that an effort may be made in the

PLAN BIG PRODUCTION OF "SHEPHERD KING"

Col. Thompson Arranging for Giving Big Stage Spectacle.

NEW ENTERPRISES IN TOWN OF COALINGA

Articles of incorporation filed yesterday were of the following named capitalized enterprises of Coalinga: Astell Mercantile Company, to carry on and maintain a wholesale and retail liquor and general saloon business. Capital stock \$50,000, in 50,000 shares and \$110 subscribed by O. S. Astell, holding 100 and Henry J. Barada and Harry Lutton each five shares and Frank Lesh Company, under date of December 29th, as a general wholesale and retail produce and grocery business. Authorized capital \$20,000 in 20,000 shares and \$30 subscribed equally by Frank Lesh, Paul Harper and Percy Evans, all of Coalinga.

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Traveling Accountant, Who Was Arrested Here, Is Released.

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Colburn stated that he had provided for his wife, although he was living with his daughter and the wife was unable to dispute the testimony in any respect. Jealousy is supposed to have been cause of Colburn's arrest. According to his attorneys, Colburn will immediately file suit for divorce. Mrs. Colburn has also announced her intention of filing suit, requesting maintenance. It is stated that Colburn receives a salary of \$500 a month.

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Weak Lungs

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Dainties at Popular Prices

SPECIALS FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

ORANGES, large local Navel, per doz 30c
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NUTS, a good mixture, all new stock, per lb 15c
NUTS, a fancy mixture, all choicest varieties, per lb 20c
DATES, new crop golden dates at, per lb 10c
POPCORN, the popping kind, 4 lbs for 25c
CANDY, our regular 12 1/2c and 15c kinds 10c
Rock Bottom and Christmas mixed.
GREEN OLIVES, home cured, per quart 20c

CRANBERRIES. 10 barrels of fancy berries just in for the Christmas trade. PLUM PUDDING. Atmore's and Richardson & Hobbs in 3 sizes. Order now.

Special wholesale prices for public Xmas trees and entertainments on Oranges, Apples, Nuts, Candies, etc. Get our prices.

NUTS—We have large stocks and all varieties—Almonds, Walnuts, Pecans, Brazils, Filberts, Peanuts, Hickory, Black Walnuts, Shelled and Salted Almonds, Chestnuts. Try a 25c package of our Jumbo Walnuts.

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Hog Feed \$10 Ton
Caproco Oil Cake
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CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS CO.
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THIS NOTABLE EXCURSION

Will be personally conducted and supervised by officials of the Passenger Department and will be the first organized excursion of its kind from the Pacific Coast to the Crescent City.

For this occasion special round-trip tickets will be issued and sold at the very low rate of

\$67.50

These tickets will be good for return within 30 days. Sleeping car accommodations and meals extra. A Descriptive Booklet beautifully illustrated, entitled, "WINTER IN NEW ORLEANS," is now ready for delivery to our patrons, and which fittingly describes the many attractions of the QUEEN CITY OF THE SOUTH and vicinity, and tells you in detail how the Great Mardi Gras Carnival is carried out; also full information relative to sight-seeing trips in and about New Orleans.

Later and fuller information regarding this high-class excursion will be published.

Don't Forget the Date

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BEAUTIES

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One year in Fresno, 5 years on the Pacific Coast, 10 years of successful shoe merchandising. This is the record of sample Shoe Man VALENTINE, who opened here in Fresno one year ago on the second floor of the Short Building, 1033 J Street.

My Sample Shoes are Superior Shoes. They are the Pick and Cream of the Shoe World

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FOR LADIES \$2.00 & \$2.50 A PAIR

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Never Pay More Than These Prices.

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Tacoma, California Bldg., 5th floor

San Jose, Garden City Bank Bldg.

3rd floor

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Store Open Daily, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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Note carefully the Address:

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Short Bldg.,

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Valentine's

SAMPLE

SHOE SHOP

NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

TRAINER OF BOB FITZSIMMONS DECLARES JEFFRIES WILL WIN FROM LITTLE ARTHUR JOHNSON

Believes Retired Champion Will Have No Trouble in Coming Back to Old Form and Defeating the Big Negro.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Martin Julian, who made Bob Fitzsimmons three times champion of the world, is in Philadelphia to have a conference with Jack Johnson, the present heavy weight title holder, and in Johnson's dressing room at a local theater the former trainer of champions and the Texan discussed the coming fight between the negro and Jeffries, who is expected to win the championship with the champion who was defeated by him in the first round of the fight.

When asked what he thought of the coming championship bout, Julian said: "Jeffries will win. I like Johnson. He is a different man from what many think him to be, but you see I know just what kind of an old pro he is. I know what I am talking about."

"Jeffries tells me people that he will win about 25 to 1. Well, then he will be a better bet than ever when he fought Bob Fitzsimmons. He goes twenty pounds more than this. He is a mammoth in every way, and that will play a lot in the fight. I think that he will win. I think that he will win. I think that he will win."

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"When Fitz fought Corbett in Carson City, I imported twelve of the quickest-

shooting cowboys in Texas to protect us, and this is about the first time that this has ever been told. You can see them in the pictures of the fight. They were shot by the government of the state of Nevada, and they were their guns, and were there to shoot any one who tried to molest George Siler, who refereed the fight. Siler had been threatened, and when he told me, I said I would protect him if he was honest, and I did. I cost me a lot of money to bring those men there, but it prevented them from molesting me and a half dozen newspaper men who were present failed to discover that the Texan had been talking to one of the shepherds men the night game has ever produced."

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KAO CHOW LI
MASUDA

Considerable interest is being manifested in the performances of the two Mongolian athletes at Harvard University, Masada, the Jap, and Kao Chow Li, the Chinaman. The men have been playing soccer football since the season opened, and both have developed surprising quickness. While Masada is a very small man, he is one of the fastest men on the varsity team. In September last he was given a trial at quarterback on the Varsity Rugby football eleven and showed up remarkably well. Kao Chow Li, his side partner, is an all around athlete. Recently the students on Soldiers' field were amazed to see a slight, dark skinned Chinese youth, clad in running costume, sprinting around the inside path of the track. Several days later, according to one of the coaches standing near, he ran a hundred yards in 10.5 seconds. When 13 was at the Yang University, at Tientsin, he was captain of the soccer team for three years and also leader of the track team and was known as a gymnast of ability. Personally 13 is much above the average height of the Chinaman, standing nearly six feet. He is a typical man, long in the legs, stocky about the waist and slight about the upper body.

CHARLES COMISKEY, JOHNSON'S RIGHT HAND MAN, IN CONTROL OF AMERICAN LEAGUE AFFAIRS

Life Story of Great Owner of Chicago White Sox; Knows Methods of Ball Magnates Like a Book.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—While the baseball magnates were wrangling last week here over various questions at least one veteran remained cool and collected. Charles A. Comiskey, who has worked his way from the ball field to the position of one of the richest club owners in America, has often been styled to be the backbone of the American League. It is true that John Johnson, the president of this flourishing organization, deserves credit for much of its success, but it is also a fact that Johnson from the outset has depended much upon the practical experience of Comiskey, the owner of the Chicago White Sox. Comiskey, a silver-haired, middle-aged man, is getting along in years, yet he is still a powerful man physically—a six footer, built on athletic lines. The pluck and energy that made him a famous baseball captain twenty years ago are still in evidence, and when he shapes a policy or decides upon radical measures nothing can move him—not even a baseball earthquake.

Comiskey played first base and captained the Chicago White Sox for many years, when he won the championship of the old American Association four years in succession, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888, and the world's championship in 1890. Chris Van der Ahe owned the St. Louis club at that time, and Comiskey has since then been in the old Roman many famous stars.

When the break in the Players League came the following year Comiskey took hold of the Cincinnati club, owned by John T. Brush, but he soon drifted into the Western League, where he first came in contact with Johnson. This combination of experience, nerve, diplomacy and a little money soon resulted in the birth of the American League. Comiskey returning to Chicago, where in seven years he has made nearly \$500,000, Comiskey knows the methods of the baseball magnates like a book. He is one of the keenest politicians in the game. It is impossible to bluff him, and nobody knows him better than John T. Brush, the man who has made the real fight to elect Ward president of the National League. Comiskey and Brush are friends, while the relations between the White Sox owner and Ward have always been cordial.

ENORMOUS SUM REFUSED FOR CHAMPION THREE-YEAR-OLD
The enormous figure of \$250,000 has been refused for Bayardo, the champion English 3-year-old, and so far as his history goes this is the record offer for a race horse. It has been stated that the animal was wanted for stud purposes, but as Mr. Foster, his owner, is a wealthy man, he cares more for Bayardo than for the money, and so he refused. In another way the price is a record one, especially when it is considered that he only won the St. Leger, one of the big races. He was placed in the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby, but his failure was attributed to his softness of hoof, as he could not be galloped on the hard ground of the early English season. When, however, the ground softened and he rounded into form, not a 3-year-old or horse of any age in England could be found to extend him.

Bayardo headed the list of winning horses on the English turf with a total of \$132,995, and as a 2-year-old he made nearly \$57,000, which brings his total figure up to date to over \$200,000. This, added to the price refused for him now, leaves him the most valuable horse ever foaled. He is a bay colt by the dead Bay Ronald, out of Gubaria, and is by no means a hand-some animal to look at, but is said to have superb action. His career on the turf does not end with this season; for, by means, for he has a good string of engagements for next year. Foremost among them is the Gold Cup at Ascot. Bayardo's owner would keep him for his own stud. Some years ago M. Edmond Blanc paid \$167,000 for Flying hind the sum turned down for Bayardo.

SNOW STOPS RACING.
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21. There will be no races at the Juarez track tomorrow and probably none until Friday or Saturday, as it is still too cold and the course is covered with snow.

Fox, the Derby winner, and this is yet the record sale, though it is a very low price for a horse of his class. The course is covered with snow.

IS AROUSED TO HIGH PITCH

Interest in the coming struggle between the Redoubtable Boston team and Fenian's purple and gold warriors on a Christmas day has been aroused to a high pitch and the supporters of both sides, though claiming victory, believe there will be one of the hardest struggles witnessed on the local stadium in many months.

Les Knapp's proteges were out practicing last night and a warm practice ensued. All the Redoubtable boys are in perfect condition and all are ready to give the students the battle of their lives.

"Wear your colors." This is the slogan that the leaders of both sides are crying as they await the big struggle. The Redoubtable colors are blue and white, and the Fenian colors are purple and gold. It is safe to say that if the day is fair the field will be a riot of colors on that occasion.

Stewart Evans, manager of the Fenian club, is endeavoring to arrange for a game with the Redoubtable club of Seattle on New Year's day, a neutral umpire to officiate.

Knapp is willing to meet the Fenians at the place and time named, and the game will be in all probability be arranged for within a day or two.

Knapp is also endeavoring to secure a game with the Yosemite club of San Francisco on January 2nd in Fresno. This club is arranging a game with the Fenians on New Year's day, and an effort will be made to have it come off on the following day.

As the Fenian club plays the Fenians the day before, both teams will be on an even balance when they come together here on January 2nd. A game with the Fenians, which has not been definitely arranged for, however, as it is impossible to learn whether or not they are coming to Madras.

FORMER BASEBALL STARS TELL OF MANY OLD INCIDENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Adrian C. Anson, who is in town, looks as if he could not on a uniform and jump into the diamond at a moment's notice. Anson is close to the half century mark in years, but he enjoys rugged health because of his habits. He loves baseball, and is up to date as to every detail, but you can't make him believe that the present style of play is faster or more scientific than the game played by his old Chicago champions.

That was a pretty good team, you say, and in Chicago back in '85 and '86," said Anson yesterday.

"We won the National League pennant in those years. Clarkson and McCormick were splendid pitchers. I've never seen better. Then look at Silver Pled and Mike Kelly behind the bat. They were stars in every way. Fred Pfeffer at second base, Ed Williams at short and Tom Burns at third, with the old man on first, made a strong infield, while Carter, Dahyrmide, Sundar, Kelly and Ryan were all fine outfielders. I tell you, boys, those were happy days."

Anson didn't say much about his own ability, but veterans like Ed Hanlon, Johnny Ward, Charles Comiskey, Connie Mack, Pat Donovan and others who saw Anson at the Waldorf were vividly reminded of the days when the outfielders backed to the fence to anticipate the Chicago captain's tremendous drives.

ED HANLON.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Ed Hanlon, who was a spectator, has retired from the game with a comfortable bank account. Like Anson, he can look back to some great teams with which he was identified in the old days. Hanlon was captain of the Detroit club that finished second to the Chicago in 1886.

SUPERIOR TO THOSE IN USE BY THE HORSEMEN OF ENGLAND

Results Achieved By Joyner With Horses Belonging to Whitney Go to Prove This; Keene Makes a Poor Showing.

American training methods, as it is called, will be two years contrasted with those of the English horsemen. The results achieved by Joyner with Mr. Whitney's horses go to prove this. Joyner and Mr. Belmont have ridden in the English division of Mr. Keene's state, and Mr. Keene's state is a fact in the history of the English horsemen. Mr. Keene's state is a fact in the history of the English horsemen. Mr. Keene's state is a fact in the history of the English horsemen.

Mr. Keene's English stable did that of August Belmont did much more. His horses are trained by John Watson, a horseman by right of inheritance and a man who continues to train by the same old-fashioned methods as were pursued by his father and his grandfather. Watson had twelve of Mr. Belmont's horses, and their gross earnings were only \$4300. This would hardly pay the cost of transportation from Kentucky, where they were bred, to Newmarket. Of course, this may have been an especially poor lot, but Mr. Belmont thought he was sending abroad the best of his earnings, including as they did the filly by Meddler out of Redding.

However, the chairman of the Jockey club not long ago sent to Watson four more yearlings, including a full brother to the Meddler-Belding filly, and probably 1910 may be a better year for Mr. Belmont. As far as appearances go, it certainly will in America, for in Tom Watson's care Mr. Belmont has about fifteen yearlings, chiefly of about \$125,000 three years ago, and some of them are very fast. In John Watson's care there are also fifteen yearlings, many of them by Rock Sand, and they will soon be sent from Belmont Park, where they now are, to Grand, S. C., to be prepared for the metropolitan season.

LYNCH WILL PROTECT UMPIRES OF LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"You can't take it from me that protection of umpires will be one of the principal planks in my platform," says John Thomas Lynch, the new president of the National League.

"Further than that, I have nothing to say as to my policies. You see, I've been long time out of the business, and I am thoroughly familiar with every angle. I do not wish to make any statements."

"I can safely say that on party will influence me in the performance of my duties as I see them. My chief adviser is Mr. John Heydler."

FIGHT TO DRAW

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Jimmie Carroll of San Francisco and Jackie Bennett of Oakland, bantams, fought for the title of champion here tonight. First one and then the other had the advantage.

Carroll's science could not overcome the aggressiveness and strength of his opponent, who boxed in constantly and to be straightened up by a stiff right or left uppercut. After the fifth round, Bennett learned how to block Carroll's left uppercuts and the contest became even.

and then won the pugilist and the world's championship in him then, including Brothers, Dunlop, Rowe, White, Thompson, Bennett, Gantz, Richardson, Baldwin, Geffen, Conway, and others. Hanlon also was the pennant three years in succession with the Red Sox in 1894, 1895 and 1896, also taking second place in 1897 and 1898, his star players being McGraw, Jennings, Kelly and Koster. Then, as manager of the Brooklyn, he captured two more championships in 1899 and 1900, with such players as McGraw, Hughes, McInnes, Farrell, McGuire, Jennings, Day, Dahm, Kelly, Keeler and Fielder Jones. "I may be in retirement," said Hanlon, yesterday, "but I shall always be a fan and I hope that baseball will continue to be American national game."

CORBETT PICKS JEFFRIES TO WIN GREAT BATTLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"I pick Jeffries to win the great battle," says Jas. J. Corbett, former world's champion, in a long statement published here today. "Jeffries is over-rated," contends Corbett. "In all his career, Johnson has not defeated any good man of heavyweight caliber. You hear much talk about the cleverness of Johnson. Very few realize that he has only two good punches with his right hand—his short uppercut and a lightning cross-counter. His left arm is of no use to him except for blocking. Jeffries, on the other hand, is a real fighter, and no science in the world can stop him. Johnson may swing his jab, but this big fellow will brush his blows aside and force his way through the barrier. Jeffries may take ten blows to land one, but when he lands it means the finish."

"Jeffries and I shall do some real fighting in the training camp. We shall strip and fight twenty rounds. This may happen here three or more. It will be the severest test that any fighter ever ran up against, but it will give Jeffries a good idea of just how he stands."

JEFFRIES IS UNINJURED BY ONE NIGHT STANDS

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—One night stands are not injuring the health of James J. Jeffries, according to Dr. B. F. Roller, the wrestler, who tonight met Goshen, and who is a member of the Goshen-Jeffries theatrical troupe now on the road.

"Jeffries is taking the best of care of himself," said the physician, who said that he goes to the training room on his special train as soon as the show is over and retires. He is not keeping late hours and not drinking and other things having recently contracted a slight cold he is in excellent shape.

"If fight followers could talk with Jeffries about his coming fight with Johnson, they would be convinced of his sturdiness. I have asked him a few questions, and he has answered them in a friendly, unassuming way. He thinks about his ability to 'come back.' Invariably he has replied that he has not so far to 'come back' as most people think, and he firmly believes that he will defeat Johnson."

BUGG'S BREEZY BASEBALL BABBLE

George Stallings, manager of the Highlanders, says that he would send a training camp for several reasons, among them being superior hotel accommodations. Stallings will probably take thirty men to Athens and one entire floor of a hotel has been engaged for them. Hot and cold showers, baths can be had without inconvenience and a room will be fitted up as a gymnasium where the players can exercise when it is impossible to work outdoors. Stallings as usual will not talk about next year's Highlanders, except to say that he believes he has some excellent material and hopes for the best. He will not deny that several trades may be made by him during the week, but when it comes to details he has the Sphinx easily beaten.

Baseball "bogs" who go into ecstasy when a home run is pushed out have been fit subjects for a commission on innuendo if they had witnessed some of the famous games played in the early stages of the national game. One of the games referred to is that played by the teams representing Michigan and Detroit in the year 1867. The former team was victorious by the "narrow margin" of 70 to 37. The university players got only six home runs and the game lasted three and a half hours.

Nap Rucker of the "Trolley Dodgers" tells one of himself that is amusing just true of more than 50 per cent of the major league ball tossers. Because Rucker came from Alperetta the fans of Alperetta "killed" him and Nap Rucker the "bigger" when he reached Brooklyn the fans appreciated him more because they didn't know that Alperetta wasn't the capital of Georgia.

"Tim Hurst is the only umpire I ever saw declare a batsman out for stepping out of the box," said Jack O'Connor, the new manager of the St. Louis Browns, yesterday. "It was in 1904, twenty years ago that Hurst had a man on third with two out and a needed run to tie the score. Burkett, at bat, stepped out of the batsman's box and hammered a terrific liner up against the left field fence for three bases. Hurst had his nerve with him, however, and promptly declared Burkett out, in spite of a hostile crowd and a threatened riot. I've seen lots of good umpires in my time, but Hurst had more courage than any of them. He gave visiting teams a fair break and was never a home umpire. It's too bad that he will not be on the American League staff next year."

The managers of the Florida tracks are not on the trail of persons who violate nondisclosure runners. Tampa on Monday former Jockey Slack was ordered off the grounds with his horses because he openly secured the running of several races, yet could not substantiate his remarks. At Jacksonville Curley Brown has also exposed a similar ruse, with the result that many critics talk in whispers in the paddock.

"Baseball magnates talk too much in public," said Charlie Webb Murphy of the Chicago Cubs yesterday. Then he regaled a crowd of fans and other persons at the Waldorf with a long recitation of the inside affairs of the National League.

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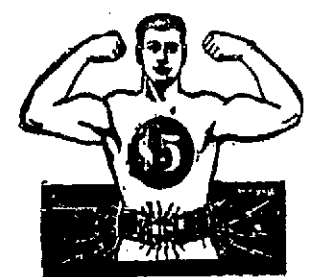
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Brief reference to severe cases of pellagra in California are contained in the current issue of the Public Health reports. Surgeon Blue reported November 15th that two well-defined cases had been found among the inmates of the Alameda county infirmary at San Francisco.

One of them, a resident of the state, was stricken three years ago, and the other patient, a Case du Verde Islander, had resided in California for twenty-five years.

Surgeon Brooks reports information from the medical superintendent of the Southern California State Hospital that there had been but two cases of pellagra, diagnosed as such, coming under his observation. Both were in the hospital and both were women. One patient was born in Iowa and the other in Canada, but had lived in the Middle States.

HIGHBINDERS PLEAD
THEY'RE NOT GUILTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(See Page 1.) The grand jury for murder and conspiracy in connection with the recent case was divided not guilty today before Judge Dwyer. A motion to quash the indictments was argued at length but was denied.



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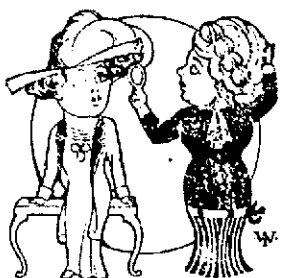
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First Dog—There's a young man calling on Miss Grace this evening, and he seems real nice.
Second Dog—Yes, I heard her say he was nice enough to eat. That's what I'm waiting for.



FOOTBALL VERSUS TURKEY.
The Landlady—The game you were in this morning was a pretty tough one, wasn't it?
The Left Guard—I thought so until I partook of that turkey, and now I have discovered that the game I was in wasn't nearly as tough as the game that's in me.



THERE'S A REASON.
"Why are you sore at Miss How?"
"When she was urged to sing something at the party last night she said, 'Oh, I can't sing!'"
"Well?"
"Well, she went ahead and proved it."



THE POINT OF VIEW.
"They looked at me open mouthed when I did that specialty of mine."
"That's right. It's the first time in my life that I ever saw a whole audience yawn at once."

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BREAKING THE ICE.
Ruth—George proposed while skating. He knelt on the ice ten minutes, and then I accepted him suddenly.
Maud—Because he told you his heart was melting?
Ruth—No, because the ice was melting.



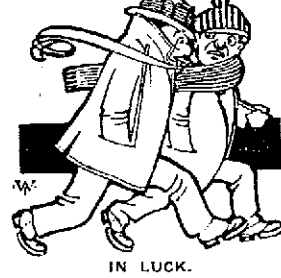
WITHOUT A DOUBT.
Willie—Say, auntie, I guess Mr. Do Soft is in love with you.
Auntie—Why?
Willie—He let me throw a snowball at his new plug hat.



MANAGEMENT.
"How does Scherer manage to get his wife to clean the snow off the sidewalk?"
"He had a paragraph published in her household magazine to the effect that shoveling would reduce the hips."



AN INTANGIBLE AFFAIR.
Bobby—What is the Arctic circle, pa?
His Pa—The Arctic circle, my son, is an imaginary line bounding a large area of uncorroborated evidence.



IN LUCK.
"Binks looks very happy this year."
"He has reason to be. He says that after his wife and children had got their fair share of the snow there was enough left over to enable him to have a new velvet collar put on his old overcoat."



SKATING HOME.
"How do you like that?" he asked as he finished cutting his own name on the ice.
"Put 'Mrs.' in front of it and I'd like it very much."

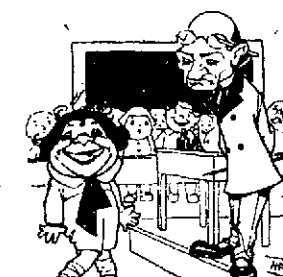
Fun For All but the Turkey



JOYS OF THE PRESIDENT.
"Why would you like to be president, my boy?"
"I look at all the prize turkeys he has to him at Thanksgiving."



A SHAMELESS CONFESSION.
"Did you ever learn to carve a turkey?"
"Never! I could never see the wisdom of putting myself in a position where I must offer everybody my choice and content myself with what ever happened to be left."



A THANKFUL SPIRIT.
Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me anything you have to be thankful for in the past year?
Johnny—Yes, sir. When you broke your arm you couldn't lick us for two months.



HOW RASTUS WON.
"So you won a turkey at the raffle, Rastus?"
"Uh-huh! 'Wile de res' was shakin' like I scared malself."



IT CLOUDS HIS ENJOYMENT.
"Fidget always worries over the coming of Thanksgiving."
"What's the trouble with him?"
"He's afraid he'll be called on to carve the turkey."



A HAPPY THOUGHT.
Bobby—We're going to have one of the famous Rhode Island turkeys for our Thanksgiving dinner.
Jimmy—Huh! So are we. I heard grandpa thank Providence for it!

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The South is producing 800,000,000 bushels of grain a year.
The total value of the agricultural products of the South this year will be \$2,400,000,000, which is equal to the total of the agricultural output of the United States in 1880, when the population of the country was 63,000,000, while the population of the South at present is 27,500,000.

The South has 52,000 square miles of bituminous coal lands, as against 17,000 in Great Britain, Germany, France, and Austria combined.

The South is now mining over 90,000,000 tons of bituminous coal a year, as compared with 42,000,000 tons, the entire bituminous coal output of the United States in 1880.

According to official records the South has more iron ore than foreign experts claim for all of Europe.

The United States Steel Corporation, having already invested about \$50,000,000 in Alabama, is carrying out vast improvements, including the building of a \$3,000,000 steel and wire plant, a storage reservoir lake for the use of its own works, a coke oven plant, to produce 3000 tons of coke per day, and other undertakings which will add immensely to the prosperity of the whole South.

The United States Steel Corporation is handling a large part of its export trade in steel rails through its Alabama plant, and it is now filling an order for 110,000 tons of Birmingham-made rails for shipment via Southern ports to Argentina and Brazil.

Southern cotton mills are now consuming 2,500,000 bales of cotton a year, or as much as all other mills in the United States are consuming of Southern-grown cotton.

The South is producing nearly one-half the sulphur of the world, and is absolutely dominating the world's sulphur trade.

Phosphate rock, the foundation of the great fertilizer industry, is found in larger quantity and under more advantageous conditions of mining than elsewhere in the world, and the rest of the world must largely depend upon the South for its supply of phosphate rock.

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AMERICAN DUCHESS' ESTATE.
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The estate of the late Countess, dowager duchess of Manchester, is valued for probate at \$1,634,340. After making provision for her grandson, the Viscount Mandeville, and the younger children of the duke of Manchester, the residue of the property was left in trust for the duke during his life and then for the successor in the title.

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DEATH SUMMONS WILLIAM H. M'KENZIE, LONG A SUFFERER FROM HEART TROUBLE

Born in Old Millerton, He Grew Up in This County and
Was One of Its Most Prominent and Enterpris-
ing Citizens.

William H. McKenzie, one of the best known business men in Fresno county and one of its most prominent and influential citizens, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at his residence, at the corner of California and Kern streets, after an illness which extended over a period of twelve years. Heart trouble was the cause of death. At attendance at the time was Dr. G. A. Hare, who had been his medical adviser ever since the time of his first attack. Mr. McKenzie was nearly 63 years of age, having been born at Fort Miller on March 10, 1847.

For the last few years Mr. McKenzie took little active part in the community life, being confined to his home, but he was still interested in all the things of his home. From there, however, he directed his various business interests. In the earlier days he was prominent in political, business and financial affairs. He served as deputy sheriff under J. S. Ashman, was deputy assessor and later assessor. He engaged in the abstract business, was city treasurer and cashier and manager of the Fresno Loan and Savings Bank. He was extensively interested in all the farming and stock raising of the county. With S. N. Griffith he built the Fresno electric car system, later absorbed by the Huntington interests.

His health first began failing in 1898, but it was not so serious at that time as to cause any alarm. Later developments showed that his condition was a precarious one, and rendered it necessary that he spend a winter in Southern California. He was wintering every winter for a number of years, except this one, when he decided to remain at home.

He left a large estate, consisting mostly of agricultural and mining properties. In addition to these, he owned some city property, the most important of which was a half interest in the Piske block at the corner of Mariposa and J streets.

Mr. McKenzie is survived by a widow and five sons. He was brother-in-law of John Hoxie, and a half brother of Truman Hart.

The following biography appeared in 1905 in a book entitled "The History and Biography of Men of the San Joaquin Valley":

A liberal and enterprising citizen, and an upholder of the best interests of county and state, William H. McKenzie is one of the most widely known and honored men of Fresno county. The son of a pioneer and himself born among the primitive conditions of an early civilization, his efforts have lain along the lines of the beginning of a statehood, the development of natural resources, the promotion of enterprises calculated to advance the growth of the community's interests. A business man of unusual executive ability, unerring judgment, conservative yet progressive ideas, he has made a personal success, and in addition to the position accorded him as a factor in place, his enterprise has also held the esteem of his fellow-citizens for these qualities which distinguish his character.

The McKenzie family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, County Sligo, Ireland, being their home for several generations. Alexander McKenzie, the grandfather of William H., was a large land owner in that locality, a gentleman of means and education, who gave to his family every possible advantage. A son, James McKenzie, who was born in County Sligo, came to New York about 1845, in young manhood, and in

tion of the constitution extended the term nearly three years. In 1882 he became interested in the abstract business which was finally incorporated as the Fresno County Abstract Company, with himself as a director, which position he had continued to hold up to the present time, having been the largest stockholder of the company. At the same time that he had engaged in taking the old home place on the San Joaquin river he had been extensively interested in mining and oil wells, meeting with a success in both lines. With Mr. Griffith he was prominent in the building of the electric railway. After the opening of the railway the company bought, in August of the same year, the old road and formed the Fresno Electric Railway Company, of which Mr. McKenzie was director and manager. Following this the company built and owned lines of railway and equipped it for business, putting in more electric machinery for power, and in every way adding to the facilities for transportation. They had twelve miles completed and in operation when they sold out in May, 1904, in his various interests Mr. McKenzie had been very active, developing several mines, among them being the Midspring mine in Modoc county, and also gold mines in Fresno, Tulare and other counties. He was one of the early men to develop the resources of Kern county. In the Kern River oil Company, being manager and vice president, in both Bakersfield and McKittrick sinking wells, which were the first drilled in this county, and also in the Kern River property, and to others of equal note, disposing of his interests in the various concerns when they were in the most satisfactory shape. He was also interested in the real estate in the California oil fields, their locations on section 28 being the most celebrated oil producing land in this county.

In 1883 he joined the United States army. The regiment was ordered to the Pacific coast to subdue the Indians in 1883, traveling by steamer to Aspinwall, thence across the isthmus on mule back, thence by steamer to San Francisco, then to Honolulu, and by land to Fort Miller. Mr. McKenzie became sergeant in the company which was commanded by Captain Loder, remaining at Fort Miller until later ordered north in Oregon to serve in the Indian war. At the end of his enlistment, in 1885, he was honorably discharged, when as a citizen of California he began the sheep and cattle business on a ranch located just above Fort Miller. He remained in that location and occupation until his death, which occurred January 1, 1904, at the early age of 62 years. He was married in New York city, in 1854, to Ann Brennan, who was born in County Sligo, Ireland, November 7, 1826. She came to the United States in 1845 to visit a sister. Her wedding journey was a trip to the Far West, like her husband riding astride a mule across the latitudes and passing through many adventures incident to pioneer life. She made her home at the fort up to the time of her husband's discharge, owning three quarters there until 1861 when they sold out and moved on to the ranch. She afterwards became the wife of Judge Charles A. Hart, a member of California and the first judge of Fresno county.

Of the three children born to his parents, William H. McKenzie and Mary were the wife of John C. Hoxie, of Fresno, the only survivors. Mr. P. was a merchant and died at Pollock, Fresno county, in 1883, at the age of 25 years, leaving one daughter. The birth of William H. McKenzie occurred at Fort Miller, in what was then known as Mariposa county, but now constitutes a part of Fresno, March 10, 1847. He was reared to manhood upon the old farm just above the fort, and which is still in the possession of the family. This ranch comprises 3000 acres on the San Joaquin river and on the place is located the old fort and town of Millerton, and the old court house of Fresno county. A part of the old fort is now standing and is in a fairly good state of preservation. It is an adobe building covered with redwood shingles put on over fifty years ago, the broad veranda which surrounds the house being built of hewed timbers. For many years this formed the residence of the McKenzie family. The old court house was built of brick and granite in 1866, the granite obtained on the ranch a quarter of a mile from the location, while the brick was burned upon the ranch, as was the adobe. At the time of the erection of the old fort, everything in the way of provisions, etc., had to be hauled from Stockton.

Mr. McKenzie received his education in the public schools at Fort Miller, after which he attended and graduated from Heald's Business College in San Francisco in 1873. The following year he returned to Fort Miller and in the same year was appointed deputy sheriff of the county under J. S. Ashman, serving in that capacity for some time, after which he acted as deputy clerk, deputy assessor and deputy tax collector. In 1873 he was nominated and elected to the position of county assessor, and the adop-

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LIFE OF CONTRACTS EXTENDED TO JAN. 3

Under No Conditions Will
Any Further Extensions
Be Allowed.

MOTION IS UNANIMOUS

Lynch Expresses Opposi-
tion; Concedes to Wishes
of Majority.

By a unanimous vote the growers present at the meeting at Armory hall yesterday afternoon agreed to extend the life of the pool contracts until midnight on January 3. In order to make this extension legal, it was necessary to have over one-half of the farmers in the pool represented, and upon investigation it was found that there was sufficient tonnage with about 100 tons to spare.

The resolution granting an extension of time was at first not unanimous, but upon the passage of a motion forbidding any further extensions of time, it was made unanimous. If the trustees fail to sell the pooled raisins by the 3rd day of January, the pool will immediately dissolve without any further action, while on the other hand the trustees have fourteen days more in which to negotiate for the sale of goods.

The meeting yesterday was for holders of Alameda only and the extension of time allowed was for Muscums only. When the meeting was called to or-

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der at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was immediately learned that the trustees were divided as to whether or not the time should be extended. D. S. Shodoras believed an extension would be a wise thing and A. L. Sayre was heartily in favor of it, but Lynch was almost unalterably opposed to it.

Lynch explained his stand by stating that nothing could be done with the growers. He declared that he considered the growers' bid no bid at all and also added that despite the repeated statements made by the Consolidated people that they would be willing to deal with the growers if the raisins were in one block, they absolutely ignored them when such a thing was done.

When it was learned that the majority of the growers were in favor of a renewal of the life of the contract, Lynch stated that he would stand by the majority and vote as they did.

An urgent effort is being made at the present time to bring about a deal whereby the growers in the pool will be enabled to receive 3 cents for their goods, but it is still very uncertain and nothing can be done for several days at the least. The proposition is a stupendous one and if it is moved, it cannot be moved suddenly. The nature of it has not been made public, but with all probability be made public if it is a success.

REPAY KINDNESS WITH BURGLARY

Of Lombardi, a rancher living two miles west of Sanger, has reported to the officers that on Monday morning his house was robbed by two men who came to his home, asking food and shelter from the rain. The rancher took them in the house, and gave them breakfast, after which he told them that they could find shelter in a nearby shed while he went into Sanger on business.

Lombardi then locked the house, and did not return until late in the afternoon, when he found that his house had been broken into and a shotgun, pistol and a coat and shirt had been stolen. He immediately reported the matter to Constable Burton of Sanger, who in turn reported the matter to the police and Sheriff Childredden.

See the Holiday Store ad. on Page four.

MRS. HELEN B. NELSON SUMMONED BY DEATH

Wife of Former Treasurer
and Had Lived in This
County Since 1868.

Mrs. Helen B. Nelson, wife of Thomas P. Nelson, treasurer of Fresno county for seventeen years, died yesterday morning at 6:20 at her home, No. 829 P street. She was 77 years of age, having been born in Hobe's county, Mississippi, in 1837.

She was married in 1872 and came to California in 1868, settling near Leander, in what was known as the "Mississippi" district. After living in that section of the county for twenty years, Mrs. Nelson moved with her husband to this city, where she had resided ever since. Four children survive besides her husband. They are W. P. Nelson, former sheriff of this county; James Nelson, a doctor; Harvey Nelson, of Bakersfield; and Mrs. S. S. Lee, of this city.

The funeral will occur this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence, The Rev. Gavanis of the South Methodist church will officiate.

TO INSPECT ISLAND FORTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. Major-General Thomas H. Barry, commanding the Department of California, and his entire staff sailed today on the steamer Mongolia for Honolulu, for the purpose of inspecting the fortifications and other military work now under way in the Hawaiian Islands.

PRESENT FOR A MAN

Is a nice Waterman Fountain Pen, the best assortment at South Bay, the county for twenty years, Mrs. Nelson moved with her husband to this city, where she had resided ever since. Four children survive besides her husband. They are W. P. Nelson, former sheriff of this county; James Nelson, a doctor; Harvey Nelson, of Bakersfield; and Mrs. S. S. Lee, of this city.

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Enoch Harrison Wins The Football Mamie Funch Wins The Dressed Doll

The judges selected to decide who were the winners in the Kutner Rhyme Contest have awarded the prizes as announced above. These were pronounced the two best and are therefore entitled to the prizes offered.

A Trip in Fairyland

I went into a store, one day,
The prettiest I've ever seen.
I slipped outside and pinched my arm.
For I thought it was a dream.
There were so many beautiful things
For people big and small;
But there was Santa Claus in there,
Who was the prettiest of them all.

Some times it makes me wish
More yet it makes me cross to hear
Some people say there is no Santa Claus.
Now they'll find they are mistaken
And will cease to be a bore if they'll

Now Santa Claus knows which is best,
No matter what you say,
There's where I want my presents from
On every Christmas day.

All other children, too, I guess,
Would love him more than I.
If all the presents they will get
Would come from Kutner's store.

Only take a look in Kutner's I street store.
Their presents are the grandest
And get that is not all. They offer
For the best poem the finest big
Football. The boys began to jest me
And said I had my gall to even

It isn't only the small folk
That give this store the load,
For it has nearly everything
That the grown up people need.
But now my poem is pretty long,
And I won't write much more,
Only I want to say while I am here
"A Merry Christmas to all in
Kutner's store."

Written by
MAMIE FUNCH,
R. R. No. 16, Fresno, Cal.

Toyland in the Basement--The Liveliest Spot in Fresno.

1 Set Toy Dishes 48c
6 cups and saucers, 1 tea pot, 1 creamer, 1 sugar, 6 plates, 5 spoons, all decorated in gilt and floral designs, today 48c

Cast Iron Stoves and Ranges, equipped with cooking utensils, etc. Prices range from \$38 to \$10.50. Collapsible Gas Grates, steel frame, bathhouse and rubber tires. \$4.48 to \$7.50. Wicker Gas Grates \$5.00 to \$3.50.

Enamel Kitchen Utensils 35c
1 cup, 1 stew pan, 1 pie pan, 1 boiler, 1 grater, enameled in grey, put up in neat little box, today 35c

Mariposa St. Cut Glass Special
15 Per Cent Discount on Cut Glass Wednesday
Water Sets
Nappies
Sugars and Creamers
Bon Bons
Spoon Trays
Ice Cream Dish
Olive Dish
Water Bottles
Butter Dishes
Oil Bottle
Celery Trays

Today's Grocery Extras
Quaker Toasted Corn Flakes, 2 25c
Quaker Puffed Rice, 2 25c
Pop Corn, per lb. 10c
Paper Shell Almonds, per lb. 15c
Rice or Mixed Candy, per lb. 10c
Jelly Beans, 2 lbs. 25c
We sell Port Costa Flour

Muffs for Gifts

The prettiest Muffs and Purses for Xmas gifts that we have seen in a long time are here in generous assortment; new express shipments in Monday. See them.

Rug Muffs \$5.95 to \$15.00
Pillow Muffs \$5 to \$12.50
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Christmas gifts that are worth while are those that give pleasure and comfort. Our overcoats are hand tailored; that's why they are so reliable.

Men's Smoking Jackets \$3.50
Plaid back fabric, plain cloth, front pockets, lapels and cuffs, well trimmed to match.

Men's Mufflers 35c, 45c and 50c, 75c

For the very best makes; some with initials.

Silk Handkerchiefs 25c @ 50c

White India silk with embroidered initial, made of fine weight Japanese silk.

Gloves for Gifts

Men appropriate a pair of nice gloves about as well as anything you could give 50c up

Women's Garments on Sale Today at Prices That You Can't Afford to Overlook

\$25 Tailored Suits \$14.95, \$25 Separate Coats \$15.95

Nice range of worsteds; blue, green and gray.

\$35 Tailored Suits \$22.65
They're the popular worsteds and serge; excellent styles.

\$30 Tailored Suits \$30.00
Choose from about ten distinguished "Bernard" models; each one a perfect masterpiece of fine tailoring.

All our fine mixture and colored long coats are included at this low price.

\$15 Black Coats \$9.95
Full and half lined; some with plaits from knee down; others are button trimmed.